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Motorist robbed at gunpoint

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A motorist managed to escape from an ex-convict who allegedly robbed him at gunpoint after his car struck a traffic sign in Garapan last Wednesday afternoon.

» **Suspect arrested after victim managed to escape when car struck a traffic sign**

Nobert T. Rios, 37, was arrested on Friday night on charges of robbery

and assault with a dangerous weapon. The victim, through an interpreter, told police that Rios robbed him of close to \$200. The report did not indicate whether he is a cabbie or not.

At a hearing yesterday, Superior Court Associate Judge Joseph N. Camacho maintained the \$50,000

cash bail and set the preliminary hearing for Sept. 16 at 9am.

Assistant public defender Tillman Clark was appointed as counsel for Rios. Assistant attorney general Betsy Weintraub appeared for the government.

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STARTING 'EM YOUNG

CONTRIBUTED PHOTO

Student volunteers clean up trash left behind at Oleai Beach. The Micronesia Islands Nature Alliance partnered with Oleai Elementary School's MyWave Club in an effort to help prevent trash in becoming marine debris. MINA would like to encourage more people to participate in cleanup efforts. Contact minaoutreach@gmail.com to get involved.

2 notorious copper wire thieves arrested again for same charges

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Two notorious copper wire thieves were arrested over the weekend, and this time they allegedly banded together and stole copper wire at the former Capital Bowling Center in Garapan last July.

Primo Aldan Kaainoa Ogarto, 35, and Barry Lloyd G. Lizama, 43, were taken to the Superior Court yesterday for their initial appearance on charges of theft and criminal mischief.

Associate Judge Joseph Norita Camacho imposed a \$20,000 cash bail each for Ogarto and Lizama.

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'9/11 changed America forever'

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Gov. Ralph DLG Torres and Delegate Gregorio "Kilili" C. Sablan (Ind-MP) joined the entire nation in commemorating the 9/11 attacks in U.S. soil, a day that changed the lives of the American people. Images of two planes that crashed into



Torres



Sablan

the World Trade Center has been the most vivid memory of 9/11.

Torres, in an email statement, said U.S. nationals are reminded of the events that take place on the early morning of Sept. 11. "We recall the events that happened on this day, which will live in infamy. Where thousands of innocent lives were

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Miss Arkansas Savvy Shields won the Miss America pageant Sunday night in Atlantic City.

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Local

Igisomar bats anew for responsible use of marijuana

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Sen. Sixto Igisomar (R-Saipan) said Senate Bill 19-106 is advocating for the responsible use of medicinal marijuana where it would be regulated like beer and tobacco, to prevent minors of accessing the herb.

The neophyte legislator, who was voted to finish the term of former senator Ray Yumul who ran for lieutenant governor in the last general elections, pre-filed SB 19-106 where he is pushing for the personal use and de-

criminalization of marijuana in the CNMI.

Igisomar, who is running against Yumul this November, made the statement after several groups expressed concern that if marijuana would be legalized, it would result in addiction and an increase in crime by people who could easily access it.

He told *Saipan Tribune* he understands the concerns of groups who are against the legalization of marijuana and their views are some of the

challenges that they want to address. “We can have 1,000



Igisomar

people who would say yes but there are also people who would go against it.”

“There would be certain groups that would say no and their opinion is also important and their concerns are substantial. It is a significant part with the decision making to be done with the bill. What I’m saying is for the people, whether you’re for or against it, to review the bill.” Igisomar said it would be

better if people also research on the positive effects of medicinal marijuana so if it would come for the people to vote they could make their own decision and don’t just rely on someone else’s opinion.

“As much as possible don’t rely on what someone else would tell you. I suggest that

they, the proponents and opponents, read the bill and do proper research so they can be informed. I don’t disagree with groups that are against it, there would be consequences that’s why I personally feel that the people should decide.”

“From my point of view, all I really wanted was medi-

cal marijuana. If they do their proper research, they can actually connect the dots, make a rational decision, and weigh the consequences. In that sense so we could have better and more responsible use.”

He said that regulating marijuana, if ever it becomes legal, **See IGISOMAR on Page 4**

2 Chinese nationals wanted for narcotics violation

Crime Stoppers wants the public’s help in the search for two wanted persons. Last Friday, Sept. 9, Superior Court Associate Judge Joseph N. Camacho signed an arrest warrant for Jia Wei Feng.

The charges are for narcotics violation. Law enforcement officers are searching for the 27-year-old Feng who is still at large.

A Chinese national, Feng has been described as having black short hair with brown eyes. He is 5’6” and weighs 160 lbs.

If spotted, do not approach. Call 911 or Crime Stoppers should you wish to remain

anonymous.

Crime Stoppers is also seeking the public’s help in looking for Xuewe Xu, another Chinese national.



Feng




Xu

Like Feng, he is also still at large. If spotted, do not approach; call 911 or Crime Stoppers should you wish to remain anonymous.

Xu is 5’6” tall and weighs 160 lbs. He has black short hair and brown eyes.

The Department of Public Safety and Crime Stoppers need the public’s help in the apprehension of Feng and Xu.

Please contact the Crime Stoppers hotline at 234-7272 should you want to remain anonymous or use our website at www.nmicrimestoppers.net Crime Stoppers pays up to \$1,000 for any information leading to an arrest. (PR)



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SCHEDULE OF ELECTRIC CHARGES AND RATES

By order of the Commonwealth Public Utilities Commission, CUC is authorized to adjust the Fuel Adjustment Charge, previously known as Levelized Energy Adjustment Clause or LEAC, depending on the price of oil. Adjustments are made when the “Mean of Platts Singapore” monthly pricing equals or exceeds a 4.5% differential of the average per gallon cost of fuel used in the calculation of the Fuel Adjustment Charge. Due to a decrease in the average fuel prices, CUC will adjust the fuel-charge by 5.12%. Accordingly, the Fuel Adjustment Charge has decreased from \$0.13294 per kWh to **\$0.13232** per kWh effective **September 1, 2016**.

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	KWH LEVELS			
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3 Public Law 16-7 Credit (Rebate) Per kWh -- all usage	\$ (0.0230)	N/A	N/A	N/A
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FUEL ADJUSTMENT CHARGE or FAC (Previously known as Levelized Energy Adjustment Clause or LEAC)

	RESIDENTIAL	COMMERCIAL	GOVERNMENT	MP*
Current FAC (Effective 08/01/16)	\$ 0.13232	\$ 0.13232	\$ 0.13232	\$ 0.13232
Previous FAC (07/01/16 - 07/31/16)	\$ 0.13924	\$ 0.13924	\$ 0.13924	\$ 0.13924
*Municipal Pumping				

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3 LED	140	57	\$ 10.83

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1 Late Charge (monthly)	1% of Past Due
2 NSF Check / Returned Check Charge	\$ 40.00
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4 Unauthorized Connection	\$ 550.00
5 Reconnection at the Pole	\$ 200.00
6 Investigation (no charge for first two investigations)	\$ 210.00
7 Disconnection Notice	\$ 15.00
8 Meter Change Out	\$ 95.00
9 New Service - Single Phase	\$ 135.00
10 Inspection of Service (no charge for first two inspections)	\$ 90.00
11 Meter Test - Single Phase	\$ 75.00
12 Meter Test - Three Phase	\$ 110.00
13 Disconnection at the Meter	\$ 45.00
14 Reconnection at the Meter	\$ 60.00

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Commonwealth Zoning Board Meeting Agenda	
Monday, September 19, 2016 5:00 PM, Zoning Board Conference Room 2nd FL., Joeten Dandan Commercial Building Tel: 234-9661 • Fax: 234-9666 • www.zoning.gov.mp	
A. Preliminary Matters	
1. Call to Order	
2. Roll Call	
3. Adoption of Agenda	
4. Adoption of 8/30/2016 meeting minutes	
5. Public Comments (not related to files for discussion under item B. Public Hearings)	
B. Public Hearings	
Conditional Use Application #2016-3079 (Amendment):	Sunleader (Saipan) Company, Ltd. is proposing to amend their Conditional Use Permit No. 2015-3667 to construct an additional fourth and fifth floor levels to their hotel. This use is classified as “Hotel/Motel” and is permitted in the district as a Conditional Use. This project is located in Garapan on Lots 007 D 41 & 007 D 56. It is zoned as Tourist Resort.
Conditional Use Application #2016-3086:	New Expedition Corporation is proposing to occupy a property to operate a Powered Paragliding Training Center. This use is classified as “Amusement, Outdoor” and is permitted in the district as a Conditional Use. This project is located in San Juan, Marpi on Lot 056 C 116. It is zoned as Rural.
Conditional Use Application #2016-3090:	Proper Grand (CNMI), LLC. is proposing to utilize two existing structures and construct and utilize two new structures for employee quarters. This use is classified as “Institutional Residential” and is permitted in the district as a Conditional Use. This project is located on Lot 1821-R2. It is zoned as Mixed Commercial.
Conditional Use Application #2016-3091:	Proper Grand (CNMI), LLC. is proposing to construct and operate a 3-storey structure for hotel. This use is classified as “Hotel/Motel” and is permitted in the district as a Conditional Use. This project is located in Gualo Rai on Lot 078 D 01. It is zoned as Village Commercial.
Conditional Use Application #2016-3092:	Proper Grand (CNMI), LLC. is proposing to construct and utilize three 3-storey structures for employee quarters. This use is classified as “Institutional Residential” and is permitted in the district as a Conditional Use. This project is located in Gualo Rai on Lot 094 D 01. It is zoned as Rural.
C. Communications	
D. Old Business	
1. Zoning Board Decision on Application for Rezone #2016-2299:	Joyful Team (CNMI) LLC & Tong Feng Int'l, LLC has requested to rezone Lots 141 E 02 & 141 E 05 in Tanapag from “Village Residential” to “Tourist Resort” zoning district to construct a hotel & resort facility. These lots are located beachside along Santa Remedios Road, north of former Basula Producto, and northwest of the Tanapag cemetery.
2. Zoning Board Decision on Applications for Rezone #2016-2597, 2016-2598, & 2016-2599:	Billion Ventures (CNMI) Limited has requested to rezone from “Rural” to “Tourist Resort” zoning district the following lots in Marpi: Lots #007 A 02, 007 A 03, 007 A 04, 007 A 05, 007 A 06, 007 A 07, 002 A 02, & 022 A 03 (North of Kensington Hotel, East of Pau Pau Beach Park, and West of Chalan Pale Arnold Road)
	Lots #010 A 02, 010 A 17 & 032 A 01 (North of Matanza Drive and East of Chalan Pale Arnold Road).
	The applicant wishes to construct and operate a hotel & resort facility.
E. New Business	
F. Executive (Closed) Session	
G. Miscellaneous	
a. Other Matters	
b. Announcements	
c. Next Meeting	
H. Adjourn	
For questions or access to materials to be considered at the Board meeting, or if you require assistance, please contact the Zoning Administrator, Therese T. Ogumoro, at 234-9661. This notice is provided pursuant to Public Law 6-32, as amended (2 CMC 7201, et seq. & 10 CMC 3511, et seq.).	
/s/ Diego C. Blanco, Zoning Board Chairman	

NEW CASE AGAINST HABITUAL OFFENDER DISMISSED

A month after judge's rejected plea deal, OAG moves to dismiss case

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Superior Court Associate Judge Joseph N. Camacho yesterday dismissed without prejudice a new criminal case that charged habitual offender David D. Kapileo for allegedly damaging a woman's car.

Dismiss without prejudice means the prosecution may refile the case in the future.

Camacho dismissed the case after assistant attorney general Matthew Baisley, counsel for the government, and assistant

public defender Michael Sato, counsel for Kapileo, stipulated to the dismissal of the case.

Baisley and Sato said dismissal "is in the interest of justice."

They did not elaborate.

In granting the motion, Camacho said it is the OAG that decides to dismiss the case and the court can only hear the case as filed by the government.

"Because the Office of the Attorney General has dismissed the charges, the case cannot move forward," the judge said.

With the dismissal, Camacho vacated the bench trial currently set for this Thursday.

Last Aug. 11, Camacho found as too lenient OAG's plea deal that recommends a 19-day prison term against Kapileo in this case.

Camacho said the jail sentence under the proposed plea deal fails to conform to the standards of this court and the CNMI community, and does not account for the defendant's



Camacho

criminal history, allege facts and factors for a careful and individualize sentence.

In this 2016 case, OAG charged the 47-year-old Kapileo with criminal mischief.

OAG alleged that Kapileo intentionally kicked the fender of a woman's rented 2009 Toyota Yaris in front of her.

Under the proposed plea deal, the government will recommend 19 days imprisonment with 19 days credit

of time served. It means that if the court would accept the deal, Kapileo will not serve another day in prison.

Camacho said the OAG argues that the court should accept the plea agreement because after serving only 15 years for murder, Kapileo has been rehabilitated.

Camacho found the government's argument unpersuasive.

Camacho noted that the government does not take into account that Kapileo has been arrested several times since being released on the murder

conviction.

Kapileo fatally shot his mother with a gun at their residence in Garapan in December 1992, according to court records.

Camacho listed seven prior criminal cases, including the murder, and one active case.

In addition, Camacho said, Kapileo also has numerous traffic cases and temporary restraining order cases in Family Court.

"The people of the CNMI deserve to have a safe community. There can be no justice without the appropriate punishment," the judge said.



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'Businesses can be partners in disasters'

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The Federal Emergency Management Agency recently held a seminar on business contracting where it invited local business owners to explain how could they get federal government contracts. The Department of Homeland Security is the FEMA partner in the seminar.

FEMA Region IX contracting officer Andrea Brunsmann said those who attended the seminar were given the basic information on how to register and become partners of the federal government in times of disasters. Registering is one of the federal government's re-

quirements.

"We talked about in general how to do business with the government. Where to look for federal business opportunities and we also talked of what those things in federal acquisition needs. What are the important things and who do you need to get in touch with," said Brunsmann.

"We spent time talking issues on how to do business with the government in times of non-disasters and disasters. Explained to them how those two are different, what can we do for them, and how can we work together."

She added that they are reaching out and encouraging

businesses that could provide services that they would need in setting up FEMA's joint field office to register and do it now. "Lessons were learned from [Typhoon] Soudelor. To know what are the needs available."

"The potential to have some business come in and fill that market for us. Like providing office supplies, food and water, lodging, debris removal, IT, electricity, HVAC, garbage removal, and janitorial services," said Brunsmann.

"We're going to look for businesses who could provide for us with those kinds of services. We are going to reach out to vendors on the island that could provide those needs

for us when we're setting up JFO. We want to keep in touch with them so it would be both easier for all of us."

She said that getting contracts with them is easy and simple but one must pass certain qualifications under federal law. "We want to set up contracts with them and in order to get those contracts they have to meet certain qualifications. Signing up are simple and easy to do."

"Plus it's free of charge. It starts with registering at FEMA's system for award management. But it has kind of a process that could take 45 days for approval. We're encouraging them to register

now so if ever there's a disaster, they will be ready to go."

She added that getting contracts with FEMA or any other agency that assists during times of disasters is also good for the local enemy in the area. "Yes the basic needs are in there. During disasters we pretty much need everything."

"Businesses in the area that has been declared disaster those are given first choice for contracts. It also helps the economy in the area declared

as a disaster zone, if you're here and there's a disaster we will go first to you," said Brunsmann, who added that it would be better to complete all procedures now.

FEMA and other federal agencies regularly come here to do different types seminars to inform the public. "If you know about these things, even during non-disasters, you can go out and get additional opportunities for their businesses."

Tropical storm may become typhoon, but moving away from Marianas

The tropical depression that formed west of Guam intensified last night to a tropical storm as it moved farther away from the Marianas region.

According to the U.S. National Weather Service Guam,

the intensification is expected to continue over the next few days and tropical storm would become a typhoon this afternoon or tonight, Tuesday.

Packing maximum sustained winds at 45 miles per

hour, tropical storm was moving west at 17mph into the Philippine Sea.

As of 7pm yesterday, the tropical storm's center was 245 miles west of Guam or 280 miles west-southwest of

Rota, 325 miles west-southwest of Tinian, and 335 miles west-southwest of Saipan.

The weather disturbance brought scattered rains in the CNMI yesterday. (*Ferdie de la Torre*)

MOTORIST

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Police Detective Daniel Maliuyaf stated in his report that two police officers were making a routine patrol along Beach Road, Garapan when they heard the Department of Public Safety Central dispatching officers to a robbery behind Duty Free Galleria on Wednesday at 4:03pm.

Maliuyaf said according to the victim, he parked his car in front of U-Luck Poker in western Garapan to check if his friend was there.

While the victim was inside his car, a man who was later identified as Rios, entered the rear passenger side

of his vehicle.

Rios told the victim to roll up the windows and turn on the music. Rios then pulled out a gun that was wrapped in a black cloth, pointed the firearm at him, and told him to drive.

Rios then allegedly demanded money and directed him to continue driving. The victim said they drove to many areas, but Rios got mad when they got to the traffic light near Hard Rock Café Saipan.

The victim said he grabbed all the money from the center console of the car and gave it to Rios.

Rios instructed the victim to make a left turn into Garapan Street and head east. By the carwash next to Mom's Round Two, the suspect told him to

make a left turn into Filooris Avenue.

The victim said when he made the left turn, he lost control of his vehicle and struck the traffic sign on the shoulder of the road.

The victim said he got out and started running to the carwash, where there was a group of people. He said he saw Rios ran toward Filooris Avenue.

The victim said he ran back to his car and drove to the New Double Chinese Restaurant, where he called for police assistance.

At 4:45pm that same day, Police Detective Elias Q. Saralu showed the victim a recorded surveillance footage from U-Luck Poker.

The victim identified one of two men talking to a police of-

ficer in the footage as the person who robbed him.

The victim was also later shown a photo lineup, where he positively identified again Rios, police said.

Last week, Tuesday, a security guard and a woman were arrested for attempted murder and other charges for allegedly stabbing a taxi driver during a robbery on Saipan.

The taxi driver, a male, sustained 11 lacerations and avoided from further attack by playing dead. He was taken to the Commonwealth Healthcare Center, police said.

Carlos Aldan Ramangmau, 26, and Felisha Ann Basa, 32, were arrested for attempted murder, aggravated assault and battery, robbery, and kidnapping.

THIEVES

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Assistant public defender Tillman Clark was appointed as counsel for Ogarto. The court will appoint a private counsel for Lizama. Assistant attorney general Betsy Weintraub appeared for the government.

Preliminary hearing will be on Sept. 16 at 9am.

Police Detective Daniel T. Joab stated in his report that the Department of Public Safety Central dispatched three police officers to a possible copper wire theft case at Lower Miha Housing area on July 21 at 9:43pm.

Joab said the caller was a witness who, while stargazing with his common-law wife in the grassy area at Miha Housing, saw a car that headed to between housing

units A-58 and A-55.

Two men, who were later identified as Ogarto and Lizama, were later observed getting a roll of copper wire from the car's rear bumper.

The witness then called the police. One of the responding officers was directed to A-55 housing unit, where he saw a roll of copper wire and a bolt cutter.

Lizama at that time was seen inside the car that was parked at L.A. Poker. Ogarto then ran toward Garapan Elementary School after seeing a police officer flashing light at housing A-55.

Another police officer saw that the generator room electrical box panel at the former Capital Bowling was damaged and the electrical manhole was cracked open.

Joab said Lizama was arrested that same night and con-

fessed how he and Ogarto stole the copper wire from the former Capital Bowling Center.

Joab said according to Lizama, they stole the copper wire from the former Capital Bowling Center near Garapan Elementary School.

Lizama admitted that Ogarto tied the copper wire to the rear bumper of his (Lizama) car. Lizama then pulled the copper wire to Lower Miha.

Lizama said after reaching the housing area, he cut the wire from the rear bumper and then went to L.A. Poker to gamble and wait for Ogarto.

Lizama said while waiting for Ogarto, police officers came and arrested him.

Joab said based on court records, Lizama has been placed on supervised release for two years immediately after completing his prison term in a criminal conviction

on Nov. 9, 2015.

Joab said among the conditions of the supervised release, is that Lizama shall not engage anymore in any activity involving the theft of electrical or copper wire.

In October 2015, a tip to a police detective led to Lizama's arrest for stealing copper wire from the Commonwealth Utilities Corp.'s power pole on Capital Hill.

In August 2011, police arrested Ogarto who was caught in the process of stealing copper wire along the Saipan Beach Road Pathway.

Police said Ogarto's action affected the pathway's wiring system from Oleai Beach Club down to DPS' fire station in western Garapan. As a result, Christmas decorations/lights along the pathway could not be fully installed along the pathway ever since.

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taken in atrocious acts done to our country."

He said that he and Lt. Gov. Victor B. Hocog join the nation, other U.S. territories, and their constituents in remembering the thousands of lives lost, first responders, and those who had the duty to defend the country in times of peace and conflict.

Torres added that peace should also be in the minds of everyone in remembering that tragic day that stunned the world. "May we continue to trod on until peace and security is present in every city, state, island and country on this planet."

Sablan, on the other hand, attended a commemoration ceremony at the U.S. House of Representatives in Washington, D.C. last Friday. The ceremony remembered those who died from the attacks 15 years ago and to all who gave up their lives in defending the country after that.

"We will forever remember the innocent people who perished, and the heroism of firefighters, police officers, first responders, and ordinary citizens who did everything they could to save lives and help

others on that horrific day," Sablan said in a statement sent to the *Saipan Tribune*.

He added that after the attacks, the CNMI mourned with their fellow Americans and like other individuals in the country responded to help aside from enlisting to the U.S. military to defend the nation.

"Many of our citizens joined the military or law enforcement out of a strong sense of patriotic duty and a desire to defend the freedom and security of our nation. Thirteen of our Red Cross volunteers were deployed to Ground Zero in Manhattan to help survivors of the attacks."

Sablan said the CNMI even held a memorial commemoration last Sunday, a Field of Heroes ceremony where the community honored the local heroes who lend their helping hand after the attacks.

He added that 9/11 changed the U.S. forever. "But it did not break our spirits. We remain committed as ever to the ideals of liberty and equality that are the foundation of this great nation."

"And we are grateful to all our brave men and women in military service, law enforcement, and emergency response who put their lives on the line every day to keep our country safe," Sablan said.

IGISOMAR

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would be the same as alcohol and tobacco where those who are 21 and above could access it. "It would be the same way we teach our kids to stay away from beer and tobacco. We would have the same treatment."

For chronically ill patients

Igisomar said he is pushing for marijuana's legalization for patients who need it badly, a significant part of the population who are chronically ill. "We have people who have prescriptions who are here but could not access it. You can't just plant it or bring it to the CNMI."

He added that the only way is for patients to buy it from the pharmacy but it cost a lot, around \$500 to \$800. Marinol, a prescription drug,

is one of the psychoactive constituents of medical marijuana or cannabis.

He said allowing personal use of marijuana would give the opportunity for the people who are sincere in using the herb easy access to it. "We need to remove in people's minds that one would just smoke it."

"I'm talking about boiling it like tea since marijuana is an herb. Boil the leaves, root or any part of the herb and drink it. It has an advantageous purpose that could really help people with chronic diseases or epilepsy."

Marijuana allegedly treats glaucoma, epilepsy, chronic pain, muscle spasms, and reduce nausea and vomiting during chemotherapy, and improve the appetite of people with HIV/AIDS. The use of cannabis is legal in Washington, D.C., Guam, and more than 20 other U.S. states.

Camacho finds too lenient proposed plea deal offered to suspected 'ice' trafficker

Superior Court Associate Judge Joseph N. Camacho yesterday rejected as too lenient the CNMI government's plea deal that recommends a two-year prison term offered to suspected methamphetamine or "ice" trafficker.

Camacho said the proposed plea agreement requires only two years imprisonment out of a total of five years, and then defendant Rui Wei Huang will be deported.

This lenient jail sentence, the judge noted, sends a message that criminals who are foreign citizens that are involved in illegal drugs can circumvent any significant jail time by simply going home.

Camacho said a defendant regardless of citizenship should be sentenced to the crime for which he or she committed.

After completing that sentence, Camacho said, if the defendant is a foreign citizen—then is deported according to federal immigration laws.

The judge allowed the parties to submit another proposed plea deal and ordered that the bench trial set for Nov. 14, 2016 shall proceed.

The Office of the Attorney General originally charged the 41-year-old Huang, also known as JCC Brother and Brother No-No, with two counts of trafficking controlled substance ("ice") and three counts of possession of controlled substance ("ice").

Camacho said the five charges carry a possible maximum sentence of 65 years imprisonment.

Yesterday, the OAG amended and dismissed the most serious of the charges. The only remaining charge is possession of controlled substance, an offense that carries a possible maximum sentence of five years imprisonment.

Assistant attorney general Chester Hinds, counsel for the government, argued, among other things, that "after careful review of the evidence and additional review conducted by the Office of the Attorney General, it believes that the evidence is insufficient to prove the remaining charges beyond a reasonable doubt."

Assistant public defender Tillman Clark, counsel for Huang, said the two-year prison term followed by deportation is appropriate sentence considering that the defendant has no criminal history. Clark also noted that a relative amount of "ice" is alleged to be involved in this case.

In rejecting the proposed plea deal, Camacho noted that the court files contain the sworn affidavit of Drug Task-force investigator Rudolph Sablan, in which the Department of Public Safety conducted two operations in which an

informant allegedly observed Huang selling "ice," allegedly there was an audio recording of defendant selling "ice;" allegedly the "ice" was field tested and indicated presumptively positive as "ice."

Camacho said it also appears from the court files that allegedly at the time the arrest warrant was served, Huang had "ice" on his possession.

As of yesterday, the judge said, Huang has not filed any motion to suppress or exclude any evidence or testimony.

Camacho said the parties did not present arguments that would have been a significant mitigating factor.

Camacho said he encouraged the prosecutor and defense counsel to provide or inform the court of any other mitigating factors or information why the court should accept the plea agreement.

He said the only reason offered was that after serving two years, Huang will be deported.

Camacho said he finds OAG's argument as weak and unpersuasive.

Camacho said defendant will be deported pursuant to federal immigration laws.

The judge said Huang does not really have a choice on the issue of deportation.

Camacho said this condition that Huang will "voluntarily" leave the CNMI is really not up to the defendant, but to U.S. Homeland Security that will deport him whether he likes it or not.

Camacho said this condition that a foreign citizen will get a reduced jail sentence if he decides to leave the CNMI creates a double standard: U.S. citizens will serve long jail sentence while foreign citizens can simply go home instead of doing any significant time.

Camacho said deportation is not a criminal punishment, but is a civil and administrative proceeding.

"The Office of the Attorney General misapplies deportation as if it is a criminal punishment," the judge said.

Camacho said a jail sentence of two years is not a specific deterrence to Huang as he will be getting less than the possible maximum sentence and then be going home.

He said a prison term of two years is not a general deterrence to others who are committing similar crimes, and does not address the issue of retribution and incapacitation.

Last June, members of the CNMI Drug Enforcement Task Force arrested Huang for allegedly selling methamphetamine or "ice" on Saipan.

DETF Officer Rudolph C. Sablan Jr. stated in his report that their "cooperating source" managed to buy \$340 worth of "ice" from Huang inside a

car in the parking lot of JCC Laundromat in Garapan that same day.

Sablan said the same "co-

operating source" purchased \$120 worth of "ice" from Huang during the second buy-walk operation at the same lo-

cation last May 11.

A DETF officer tested presumptively positive for the presence of methamphetamine

the 1.13 grams of substance involved in the first deal and the 0.9 grams in the second transaction. **(Ferdie de la Torre)**

Saipan Awaodori Team practices with Japanese students

The Saipan Awaodori Team welcomed a group of Japanese college students to the island and even practiced the traditional Japanese dance with them on the resumption of practice sessions last Sept. 8 at the Koblerville Youth Learning Center.

Program coordinator for the center Vernon-Lee Inos Manglona has allowed the Saipan Awaodori Team to

practice at the venue for over eight years now.

The Japanese college students were shocked to see the many abilities and talents that the locals had to offer. Also worth noting is that this was the first time these Japanese students had the chance to interact and mingle with the locals of the island through the Awaodori, something both

groups were familiar with.

The Saipan Awaodori Team consists of about 40 members aging 5 to 17. The Saipan Awaodori Team is now accepting new members. Applicants may register at the Koblerville Youth Learning Center or at the Kinpachi Restaurant at the Paseo de Marianas in Garapan, free of charge.

The Saipan Awaodori Team

has been performing in many events on Saipan, such as the annual Flame Tree Festival, Liberation Day Parade, and even their own festival, in which members of the Tokyo Tensuien join the Saipan Awaodori Team.

The Tokyo Tensuien is a professional Awaodori group from Koenji, Tokyo. **(Erwin Encinares)**



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ERWIN ENCINARES

Members of Langowofisch pose after performing last Friday at the Carolinian Utt. The Carolinian dance troupe performed in lieu of the scheduled Cultural Fasion Show that was moved to month’s end.

Cultural Heritage Month fashion show moved to Sept. 30

The Cultural Fashion Show scheduled last Friday at the Carolinian Utt has been postponed in order to better accommodate participants, according to Chamorro and Carolinian Cultural Heritage Month organizing committee co-chair Cinta Kaipat.

Kaipat said the Cultural Fashion Show has been postponed to Sept. 30, which is also the Uumw Chaha Night of the Cultural Heritage Month.

Despite the postponement of the fashion show, the Carolinian dance group known as Langowofisch still came out and performed for those who went to the Carolinian Utt last Friday.

Kaipat extended her gratitude toward those that showed up despite the cancelation of the original schedule.

“I want to thank everyone who took the time to come out and join us this evening. I would also want to thank the performers, Langowofisch, who came out and graced us with their cultural dances, the Refaluwasch dances.”

Kaipat assured that there would be more performances in the following weeks to come. “There is a lot more coming in terms of the dances of the Refaluwasch and the Chamorro community, so we invite everyone to stay tuned and join us.”

Kaipat thanked those that made the execution of the Cultural Heritage Month pos-

sible. “Thanks to the committee, thanks to the Carolinian Affairs Office staff, thanks to all the sponsors who were able to support this event, thanks to the SNILD (Saipan and Northern Islands Legislature Delegation). All these other entities will have month long activities coming up.”

The upcoming event for the Cultural Heritage Month is the Island Cuisine Night, which would also be celebrated at the Carolinian Utt this Friday, Sept. 16.

“The next event would be the Cuisine Night. I am inviting everyone to come out and actually taste the Chamorro and Refaluwasch cuisine,” said Kaipat. “It’s just a fun time to come out and enjoy the sunset by the beach here at the Carolinian Utt and taste the cuisine.”

The following day, Sept. 17, would be a Saturday and the Refaluwasch community will be celebrating Chief Aghurubw Day on Managaha Island.

“On the 17th, we have the Chief Aghurubw Day in Managaha, in which the community is once again invited. There’ll be transportation to Managaha. We would have a Mass and then we would have a fiesta-type of feast on Managaha. People will have a chance to relax and enjoy on Managaha after the Mass. Just enjoy and have a picnic with the family,” said Kaipat. *(Erwin Encinares)*

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CNMI GOVERNMENT**

INVITATION TO BID
ITB NO.: ITB16-BECQ-177

SUBMISSION DATE: OCTOBER 12, 2016 **TIME: 10:30 A.M.**

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/S/ FRANK M. RABULIMAN
ADMINISTRATOR OF BECQ

/S/ HERMAN S. SABLAN
DIRECTOR, P&S

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CNMI GOVERNMENT**

INVITATION TO BID
ITB NO.: ITB16-DOC-162

SUBMISSION DATE: OCTOBER 12, 2016 **TIME: 10:00 A.M.**

**“DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS FOOD SERVICE PROGRAM
– A PROJECT UNDER THE DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS”**

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COMMISSIONER, EPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS

/S/ HERMAN S. SABLAN
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NOTICE OF ZONING BOARD PUBLIC HEARING for Proper Grand (CNMI), LLC

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Date: September 19, 2016
Time: 5:00 pm
Place: Zoning Board Conference Room, 2nd Fl. Joeten Dandan Comm’l Bldg.

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/s/ Diego C. Blanco, Chairman

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(AMENDED) Commonwealth Zoning Board Meeting Agenda Monday, September 19, 2016 5:00 PM, Zoning Board Conference Room 2nd Fl., Joeten Dandan Commercial Building Tel: 234-9661 • Fax: 234-9666 • www.zoning.gov.mp

- A. Preliminary Matters**

 1. Call to Order
 2. Roll Call
 3. Adoption of Agenda
 4. Adoption of 8/30/2016 meeting minutes
 5. Public Comments (not related to files for discussion under item B. Public Hearings)

B. Public Hearings

Conditional Use Application #2016-3079 (Amendment): Sunleader (Saipan) Company, Ltd. is proposing to amend their Conditional Use Permit No. 2015-3667 to construct an additional fourth and fifth floor levels to their hotel. This use is classified as “Hotel/Motel” and is permitted in the district as a Conditional Use. This project is located in Garapan on Lots 007 D 41 & 007 D 56. It is zoned as Tourist Resort.

Conditional Use Application #2016-3086: New Expedition Corporation is proposing to occupy a property to operate a Powered Paragliding Training Center. This use is classified as “Amusement, Outdoor” and is permitted in the district as a Conditional Use. This project is located in San Juan, Marpi on Lot 056 C 116. It is zoned as Rural.

Conditional Use Application #2016-3090: Proper Grand (CNMI), LLC. is proposing to utilize two existing structures and construct and utilize two new structures for employee quarters. This use is classified as “Institutional Residential” and is permitted in the district as a Conditional Use. This project is located on Lot 1821-R2. It is zoned as Mixed Commercial.

Conditional Use Application #2016-3091: Proper Grand (CNMI), LLC. is proposing to construct and operate a 3-storey structure for hotel. This use is classified as “Hotel/Motel” and is permitted in the district as a Conditional Use. This project is located in Gualo Rai on Lot 078 D 01. It is zoned as Village Commercial.

Conditional Use Application #2016-3092: Proper Grand (CNMI), LLC. is proposing to construct and utilize three 3-storey structures for employee quarters. This use is classified as “Institutional Residential” and is permitted in the district as a Conditional Use. This project is located in Gualo Rai on Lot 094 D 01. It is zoned as Rural.

C. Communications

D. Old Business

 1. Amendment to H.S. Lee Construction Co., Inc.’s Conditional Use Permit #2015-2209
 2. Zoning Board Decision on **Application for Rezone #2016-2299:** Joyful Team (CNMI) LLC & Tong Feng Int’l, LLC has requested to rezone Lots 141 E 02 & 141 E 05 in Tanapag from “Village Residential” to “Tourist Resort” zoning district to construct a hotel & resort facility. These lots are located beachside along Santa Remedios Road, north of former Basula Product, and northwest of the Tanapag cemetery.
 3. Zoning Board Decision on **Applications for Rezone #2016-2597, 2016-2598, & 2016-2599:** Billion Ventures (CNMI) Limited has requested to rezone from “Rural” to “Tourist Resort” zoning district the following lots in Marpi: Lots #007 A 02, 007 A 03, 007 A 04, 007 A 05, 007 A 06, 007 A 07, 002 A 02, & 022 A 03 (North of Kensington Hotel, East of Pau Pau Beach Park, and West of Chalan Pale Arnold Road); Lots #010 A 02, 010 A 17 & 032 A 01 (North of Matanza Drive and East of Chalan Pale Arnold Road). The applicant wishes to construct and operate a hotel & resort facility.

E. New Business

F. Executive (Closed) Session

G. Miscellaneous

 - a. Other Matters
 - b. Announcements
 - c. Next Meeting

H. Adjourn

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The Civil Service Commission emphasizes in its recent bulletin to all government employees that the CNMI government will not tolerate the use of official authority or influence to coerce government employees for political purposes.

Both Commonwealth laws and Civil Service regulations protect government employees from being intimidated or harassed by threats to their employment security through political pressure relative to public elections.

CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSION EMPHASIZES: ‘Political coercion will not be tolerated’

Herman Deleon Guerrero, chairman of the CNMI Civil Service Commission, said that all government officials must enforce these protections and ensure that employees are not being coerced into attending and supporting or not attending and supporting political events as the current election season progresses.

“In the past employees have been threatened that they will lose their jobs if they either don’t support or do support certain candidates. Often these actions also involve contributions or the purchase of event tickets. The Civil Service Commission cannot and will not allow this to happen to government employees. One

of the major responsibilities of the commission is to provide guidance and protection to civil service employees through the development of regulations. The Civil Service regulations prohibit such abuses of authority. The commission will enforce its regulation and will take action to protect its employees. The

statutes, on which this regulation is based, also protect employees outside the Civil Service. All government officials in all activities must enforce these statutes and regulations to ensure that their employees have their right to freely make their political decisions.”

The chairman continued, “Employees must be able to exercise their right to participate in political activities of their choosing without being pressured or threatened. Section 8152 of the Commonwealth Code provides criminal penalties, up to six months imprisonment, a fine up to \$1,000, or both imprisonment and fine, to any government official who uses his or her position, authority or influence to threaten an employee’s employment, pay, benefits, tenure or other aspects of government employment.

The Civil Service Commission will act with the authority provided to it by law to protect employees from such

abuse and fully expects all departments and activities to also protect their employees. All enforcement agencies are likewise expected to take appropriate investigative action when political coercion is reported or referred to them.”

According to Guerrero, “The commission is fully prepared to protect government employees and take the appropriate administrative and legal action. I encourage employees to report violations to their department or agency heads or directly to the commission. Due to the limited time the commission is convened as a body, please address a written statement to the commission and deliver it to the director of the Office of Personnel Management.”

“There is no place for political coercion in today’s Commonwealth. I encourage all government employers to ensure that all employees enjoy their right to freely make their own political decisions.” (PR)

Golf group lauds Saipan courses



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Marianas Visitors Authority managing director Christopher A. Concepcion, third right, welcomes representatives of golf booking companies and media from Hong Kong and China to dinner on Aug. 16, 2016, at Kensington Hotel in Saipan. From left are: Roy Lee, owner of RoyLee.com; Michael Li, owner of GZ Golf Travel; Bruce Chan, owner of Golf007; Michelle Wong, manager of Asian Golf Explorer; Peggy Chan, manager of RoyLee.com; Bruce Bateman, MVA marketing manager; David Largent, Best Sunshine Marketing & Operations director; Concepcion; Andy Lee, senior vice president, AliGolf; and Shilong Jia, editor, *Golf Digest China*.

Several leading golf booking and golf media companies from Hong Kong and China recently lauded the “world-class golf courses” of Saipan during a recent FAM(iliarization) tour organized by the Marianas Visitors Authority with major assistance from Best Sunshine International, Ltd. Marketing & Operations director David Largent.

The seven members of the tour group were in the Northern Marianas on Aug. 11-17, 2016, to tour and to play several professionally-designed courses on Saipan and visit key tourist attractions. The group played at Laolao Bay Golf & Resort, Kingfisher Golf Links, and Coral Ocean Golf Resort, and also visited Mariana Golf Resort.

“The enthusiastic response of these influential golf representatives following their experience at our Saipan courses means more exposure for this niche market in Hong Kong and China,” said MVA managing director Christopher A. Concepcion. “We anticipate this will be a shot-in-the-arm for the MVA’s ongoing golf marketing efforts in China, and we look forward to welcoming more golfers from the region as the word gets out. We understand that another group, accompanied by a professional

Chinese player will come to the NMI later this year as a prelude to a major Saipan International Open golf tournament to be hosted by Imperial Pacific starting in 2017.”

In addition, the group also visited key tourist attractions and enjoyed optional activities to round out their Saipan experience. Several hotels were visited or inspected, including: Hyatt Regency Saipan, Fiesta Resort & Spa, Mariana Resort & Spa, GrandVrio Resort,

Aqua Resort Club, Pacific Islands Club Saipan, and Saipan World Resort. The group also toured Best Sunshine Live gaming facilities, visited iconic Managaha Island, the historic, and scenic sites of Marpi, and took an off-road Let’s Go! ATV tour. Dining was experienced at: 360 Revolving Restaurant, Kinpachi, the cultural dinner show at Fiesta Resort & Spa, Kensington Hotel dinner buffet, Avenue Restaurant, and various hotel restaurants.

The group featured three prominent golf booking companies, Golf007.com, Golden Holiday Golfing Tour, and AliGolf. The media represented were *Golf Digest China*, *Asian Golf Explorer*, *HK Golfer Magazine*, and the most famous and prolific golf writer and photographer in China, Roy Lee. The group has committed to bringing regular golfers from China and Hong Kong on golf trips to enjoy the golf and quality activities of Saipan. (PR)

Visual, traditional, performing artists wanted for Street Market

The Commonwealth Council for Arts and Culture is inviting all artists interested in displaying and selling their artwork at the Garapan Street Market to contact their office and register for the weekly event.

The CCAC will begin providing shared artists booths. New artists may participate at their first two events for free, and then registration will be \$10 per event for the shared artist booths. Artists may also register for full booth spaces for \$20 per event. Registration must be completed and fees paid prior to participation at the market.

Individuals who wish to register for the GSM as an artist, must be producing pri-

marily by hand the unique artwork they will be displaying or selling.

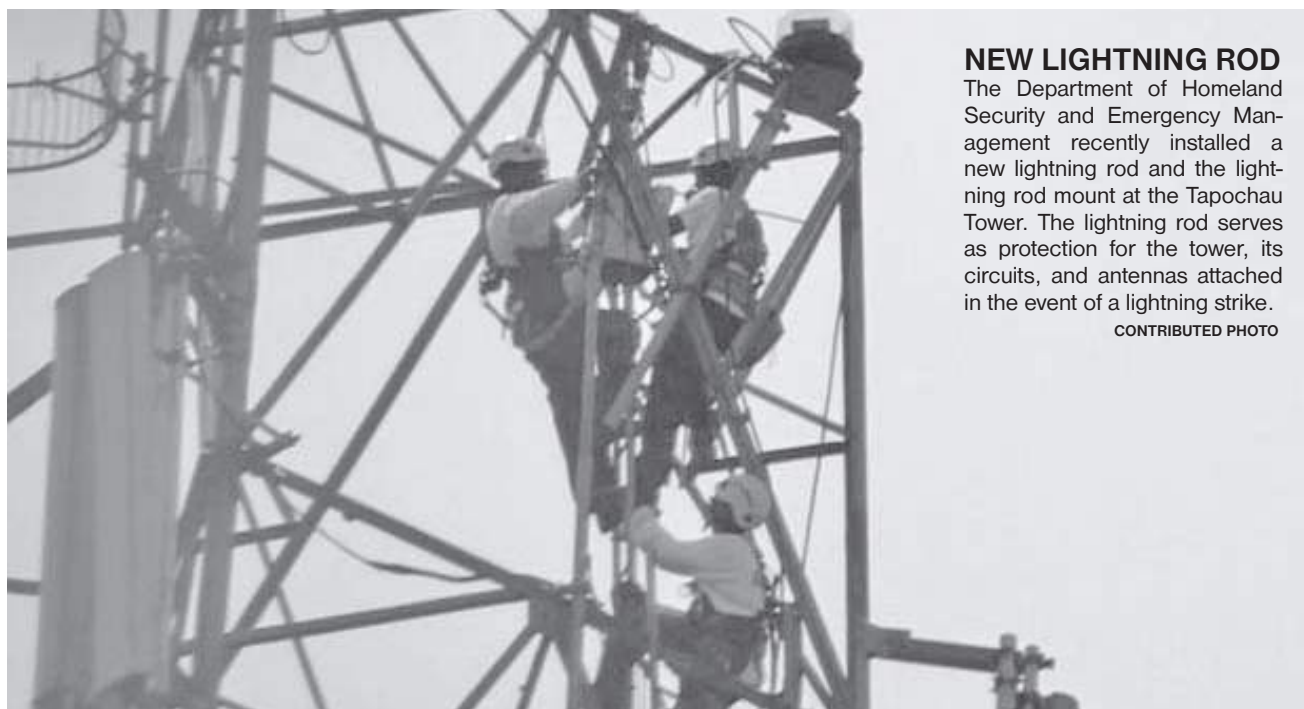
The CCAC is also inviting interested performing artists, dance groups, musicians, and bands to contact their office and register their interest in performing at the GSM.

The CCAC is working to more actively highlight at the GSM, our performing, visual and folk artists, and incorporate community-wide cultural activities.

The Garapan Street Market takes place every Thursday from 6pm to 9pm. If you are interested in registering for the Garapan Street Market or have any questions about the activity, you can call 322-9982 or visit their office located next to the Capitol Hill Post Office. (PR)

Chamorro Language Experiment at JKPL

The Chamorro Psycholinguistics na Project is here with its latest scientific experiment. If you are a native speaker of Chamorro who speaks Chamorro actively and has spoken Chamorro since childhood, please come and participate. The experiment will take just 20 minutes. If you have done it in previous years, come back. This is a totally new experiment. We will be at the Conference Room at the Joeten-Kiyu Public Library, from 9:30am to 12:30pm on Saturday, Sept. 17, 2016. There is a small gift for your participation. (PR)



NEW LIGHTNING ROD

The Department of Homeland Security and Emergency Management recently installed a new lightning rod and the lightning rod mount at the Tapochau Tower. The lightning rod serves as protection for the tower, its circuits, and antennas attached in the event of a lightning strike.

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MVA repairs railings, columns at Mt. Tapochau

The Marianas Visitors Authority finally repaired the railings and columns at Mt. Tapochau last August 2016 to improve visitor safety at the site. Mt. Tapochau is one the most-frequented visitor sites in the Northern Mariana Islands, and its repairs are part of the MVA's ongoing destination enhancement on Saipan, Tinian, and Rota.

Also part of MVA's destination enhancement programs include the relighting of the Froilan Tenorio Beach Road Pathway, the Garapan Heritage Trail project that will put up signs in English, Japanese, Korean, and Chinese in the tourist area, renovation of the restrooms at Banzai Cliff and the and the Last Command Post, and rehabilitation of signs in Marpi that were either destroyed by Typhoon Soudebor or vandalized.

Paseo de Marianas in Garapan and its surrounding areas

are also set for some major facelift as MVA will build an outdoor stage, fix the street

lights, install new signs, plant palm trees and flowers, and put lights at the median trees. (PR)



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Rusted railings were an eyesore to tourists and island residents alike before the repairs undertaken by the Marianas Visitors Authority.



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The repair of the railings and columns at Mt. Tapochau is part of MVA's destination enhancement program.




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The before shot of one of the damaged columns at Mt. Tapochau.



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A tourist admires Saipan from the highest part of the island with the newly repaired railings and columns.



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AGENDA

- I. PRELIMINARY
 1. Call to Order
 2. Roll Call
 3. Adoption of Agenda
 4. Adoption of Minutes September 02, 2016
- II. PUBLIC COMMENTS¹
- III. EXECUTIVE SESSION²
- IV. NEW BUSINESS
 1. To review pending graduate applications for Fall 2016.
 2. To review finalized rules and regulations from previous board members
- V. MISCELLANEOUS MATTER
- VI. SCHEDULE OF NEXT BOARD MEETING
- VII. ADJOURNMENT

/S Antonio L. Borja
Chairman

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EDITORIAL

Hillary Clinton's minimum wage gamble

With Labor Day behind us, it's not too early to handicap the biggest political fights to come after November, depending on how the presidential election turns out.

In a normal election year, these are often clear-cut, with party lines sharply drawn and partisans ready to play familiar roles. This time around, it's different — thanks not only to Donald Trump but to the lingering bitterness among many Bernie Sanders supporters over Hillary Clinton's perceived disinterest in upending the status quo.

But just for that reason, there's one familiar hot-button issue primed for a rapid-fire jabbing as this year rolls into next. Get ready for a full-court press on raising the minimum wage.

Many Democrats nationwide love to use the Labor Day weekend to shine a spotlight on their plans for wage hikes. In his tweet of thanks to activists, Sanders himself listed the minimum wage first among marquee entitlement programs like Social Security and Medicare.

Over the past few years, however, those on the grassroots left have struggled to move their wage agenda forward at the federal level. So they've busied themselves making high-profile gains at the city and state level, hoping to build momentum for a stronger push under better national circumstances. And looking at the pre-election polls, the activists believe their chance has come.

There's just one problem: Clinton. Although she excoriated New Jersey's biggest Trump supporter, Gov. Chris Christie, for vetoing his state's \$15 wage bill, Clinton earned a fresh round of ire from advocates of the "Fight for \$15" movement for a single higher federal minimum. For them, that magic number is more than a policy; it's an article of faith. For Clinton? Not exactly.

"Hillary wants to raise the federal minimum wage to \$12 an hour," her campaign website explains. In her own Labor Day message, Clinton voiced support for the Fight for \$15 only where economically feasible.

Well, if you think Clinton's base is restive now, just wait until Election Day. If she loses, they'll be in a vengeful mood, pushing their congressional representatives to go all-out for \$15, out of solidarity with state and local activists who moved the ball by taking the risk. And if Clinton wins? They'll want to set the tone by compelling the president-elect to endorse a federal \$15 minimum as a sign of respect and good faith.

On a deeper political level, an even more powerful force for a \$15 wage will be at work. Clinton wants the most efficient way to silence criticism from the Left. With big but weedy debates coming up on everything from finance to free trade, she too harbors a strong interest in making up for lost bona fides at a single, self-contained stroke.

How will Republicans respond? The safe bet is, in unison.

With the wage debate, Democrats are poised to find out more broadly just how much political momentum they really have.

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Two women, two wildly different views on abortion

When you have a certain reputation for being, let's just say, unambiguously pro-life, people who don't share your beliefs will be, let's just say, wary about talking to you. And if, in addition to that, you write a regular column about being pro-life, or you host a radio show where you're not shy about your views, or you appear regularly on television and they stick you in the "anti-abortion" chair in the studio, it's no surprise that people who think abortion is a legitimate choice and are running for public office will give you a wide berth.

And yet, unless we engage with those who have a world view diametrically opposed to our own, we will never fully understand how the other side lives, thinks or otherwise functions in a world where there are no longer any absolutes.

So that is what I decided to do. "Catholic Girl," as I am known to many readers (it's one of the nicer labels) was aware that Katie McGinty, Pat Toomey's challenger for one of Pennsylvania's U.S. Senate seats, is pro-choice. A simple look at her endorsements, including Planned Parenthood and Emily's List, leaves no doubt that the candidate is a strong supporter of abortion rights. She will likely get the endorsement of more groups as the race continues, since the Pennsylvania contest is one of the key battles in the struggle for control of the Senate this year. She is on record for opposing Pennsylvania's proposed ban on a certain form of late-term abortion, and celebrated the Supreme Court's overturning of a Texas law regulating abortion clinics, saying that "I applaud the justices for respecting (a woman's right to choose), and for seeing through the deceptive tactics used to try and undermine it." As McGinty said those words, I was writing a column attacking those same justices for "choosing" abortion. In fact, for a brief time, this case was the reason I was going to vote for Donald Trump — out of anger for that blighted Supreme Court. "Was" is the operative word.

Despite this philosophical San Andreas Fault between us, McGinty and I have a lot in common. She's a year younger than I am. She wore a Catholic school uniform in the 1970s, and so did I. She attended a Catholic university, and so did I. She had multiple brothers and sisters, and so did I, although only half the size of her tribe. She's lost loved ones to cancer, so have I. She's lost siblings prematurely, so have I. She's

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Irish, so am I (much to the dismay of my Italian relatives who just pretend that I Americanized my last name and that the freckles are age spots).

And so, I wanted to figure out how we could have turned out so different, when it came to the single most important life issue to me: abortion. The irony is that I agree with McGinty on the sanctity of life outside the womb. I admire her position on gun control, which puts me well to the left of other conservatives. I know she's adopted foreign-born children, and, as an immigration lawyer, I admire that, too. But this abortion thing is bigger than anything for me. As an educated and engaged Catholic female voter, I wanted to know how she developed her views on the issue, and at what point in our shared path she turned left and I kept going straight ahead.

I reached out to her campaign, and, to be fair to them, it was shortly before my deadline, so I didn't get a chance to interview her or even get a long written response to my questions. But the point that mattered to me, the one that connects the candidate and this writer by a common thread is our Catholicity. On that, I wanted an answer. Here is the question that I posed to McGinty's press secretary, with whom I had a feisty, but ultimately respectful conversation earlier this week:

"How did you, Secretary McGinty, form your views on abortion rights? You are of the same generation as I am, and we had essentially the same type of Catholic school formation in the 1970s. What influences convinced you that women should have the right to seek an abortion? Do you see any inconsistency with your religion, and, if so, how do you reconcile those differences?"

It's a hard question to answer in a few sentences, and I'm

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Trump's mess of a visit to Mexico may have lingering consequences

Republican candidate Donald Trump's visit to Mexico was a textbook case of amateurish diplomacy, but there is something much more troublesome about it. It may resurrect Mexico's anti-American revolutionary nationalism and hurt the United States for years to come.

Trump made a mess out of his Aug. 31 visit to Mexico. He first lavished praise on Mexican President Enrique Peña Nieto during their joint appearance in Mexico City — despite having vowed for the past 12 months that he would talk tough to the Mexican president — only to flip-flop a few hours later and deliver a fiery anti-Mexican speech in Arizona.

To make things worse, he claimed on that same day that he had not discussed with Peña Nieto who would pay for his proposed wall along the Mexican border. The Mexican president wrote later in a Twitter message that he had told Trump unequivocally that Mexico would not pay for the wall, in essence calling Trump a liar.

But the biggest fallout of Trump's visit was an avalanche of criticism against Peña Nieto in Mexico for having invited Trump. Mexicans say Peña Nieto gave Trump a much-needed photo opportunity to look "presidential" on a podium alongside a foreign leader, and that he allowed Mexico to be humiliated by Trump's anti-Mexican speech in Arizona immediately after he left Mexico City.

Peña Nieto was also lambasted for not having demanded an apology from Trump for having called Mexicans "criminals" and "rapists." Trump is probably the most hated figure in

Mexico. Only 2 percent of Mexicans have a favorable opinion of him, according to a recent poll by the daily *El Financiero*.

And Peña Nieto, whose popularity had already fallen to 25 percent before Trump's visit, is now one of the most unpopular Mexican presidents in recent history. There is a massive anti-government march planned for Sept. 15, and several well-known columnists are asking for the president's resignation.

"I don't remember a president who is as weak, and so early in his term, as Enrique Peña Nieto," said well-known writer Hector Aguilar Camín in the daily *Milenio* newspaper.

A big question now is how widespread, and how anti-American, Mexico's growing nationalist reaction will be.

Mexico's leftist populist opposition candidate for the 2018 elections, Andres Manuel Lopez Obrador, is already telling his cheering audiences that, if he wins, Mexico will no longer be a U.S. "colony" — much like what the Venezuelan and Cuban regimes tell their people every day.

Eduardo R. Huchim, a columnist with the daily *Reforma*, suggested that Peña Nieto could tell Trump that, if he wins, Mexico "will end its anti-drug cooperation" and "immediately revise the state of U.S. investments and transactions in this country."

Peña Nieto "has unleashed a wave of nationalist fervor" in Mexico, wrote political scientist Jose Antonio Aguilar Rivera in *Nexos* magazine. He added that "the symbolic implications" of Trump's visit with its "images of surrender, of blindness, are enormous."

My opinion: Trump's irresponsible diplomacy and cheap demagoguery against Mexicans, Muslims and others threatens to unleash a worldwide wave of anti-Americanism. He would be the perfect president for those who claim that the United States is a racist empire, and who use anti-Americanism as a tool to win popular support.

Mexico has a long history of anti-Americanism, which only subsided following the 1994 North American Free Trade Agreement. Generations of Mexicans have grown up with school textbooks that referred to Texas and California as "territories usurped from Mexico by the United States" in the 1830s and 1840s.

This is no trivial matter. If Mexico cut its anti-drug and anti-terrorist cooperation with Washington, U.S. drug trafficking and security problems in the United States would

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skyrocket overnight. And if Mexico strained bilateral ties, the United States could lose up to \$108 billion in investments in Mexico and \$584 billion in two-way trade that, according to a Wilson Center study, supports six million U.S. jobs.

With his visit to Mexico, Trump showed that he is not only a lightweight demagogue who can't make a foreign visit without creating an international incident, but also that he would be a threat to U.S. national security who could unleash an anti-American nationalist backlash right next door.

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

We didn't give away our sovereignty

This is in response to Mr. Rudy M. Sablan on his article titled, "New political status commission." Boy, it just makes my Refaluwasch blood boil when an individual lays claim on another's belief and integrity.

I totally disagree with his claims that along with the Chamorro and Chamolinian we gave away our sovereignty. Do you even know what sovereignty means let alone write about it?

Sovereignty is who you are as a person, what our community believes in, and best yet what we ourselves portray to the world in general. Meaning the Refaluwasch along with the Chamorro and the many ethnic groups deem proper and or to have a beneficial and prosperous future as one community, at least to my understanding.

Take also for instance why we are being educated. For me I am sure it is not just for personal gains but a gain for our community as well. Would you imagine an individual not educated? I would sadly say he/she will not benefit and or prosper in the future of our community, I believe. Because to tell you the truth, education is somewhat different from being smart. Being smart is so much a simple characteristic of every human being. I mean we are smarter than the next smartest mammal, the dolphin!

Humans have so much evolved we are considered a superior and inferior species capable of orchestrating mass killing and the hurting of everything around us. But hey I am not saying we should continue do mass killing or hurting, I am simply comparing us to mammals that lack our abilities.

Another issue is that which you claim that we as a community can not make it without Uncle Sam. I mean come on, really? Okay I will tell you something I have come to fully understand in all my years getting educated, my teachers or best yet mentors had one thing in common, is that nothing is impossible in this world, you just have to sometime stop for awhile, reset or regroup and look at the impossible at every angle. By then they would say, I do not believe you are not going to locate an angle to solve the impossible.

Yes, you might be saying or thinking how naive and disrespectful kind of individual I am but do not blame me for it, blame my education instead...LOL. And I also tend to think most of the time that the only impossible thing that we as human beings cannot do is live life forever. Unless you have been blessed with eternal life by the guy upstairs, if so can you point in that me or us all in that direction.

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WOMEN

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thinking that an hourlong discussion still wouldn't be enough to do justice to the nuance in that modern-day trip on the road to Damascus that many people have taken in their spiritual life. Because, make no mistake about it, for someone steeped in Catholic principles and taught from an early age the verse from Jeremiah, "Before I formed you in the womb, I knew you," support or opposition for abortion rights is different. It's not just a simple political position. It's a game changer, since abortion is the line in the sand for many Catholic faithful.

This is the answer her press secretary sent me:

"Faith has always been an extremely important part of Katie's life, and that has not changed. Her position on choice issues is rooted in the fact that these decisions are extremely difficult, and that women should be able to make these decisions privately, consulting with their doctors and their families."

It's a fair answer, but far from one that explains how a Catholic school girl who grew up in the same type of home that I did, and had the same experiences that I did, could end up with such a different view of life. That's because, while faith is a personal thing, it is also a thing of consistency. As Cardinal Joseph Bernardin noted, we Catholics are called to respect the seamless garment of life, and that means from the moment that life exists (and, as a scientist, McGinty should understand at least at some level that the fetus is a form of human life) to the moment of death. I could be attacked for my support of the death penalty on the same basis, but I'm not running for public office.

McGinty's answer to my question talks about privacy. But, to me, we Catholics are part of a village, to use a term from another woman running for office this year, and the decision to end a life is not something that should be moved into a quiet corner, where only the mother gets to make the choice.

I respect Katie McGinty for her dedication to other principles that are important to Catholics: a clean and safe environment, protection against gun violence, compassion for immigrants and those on the margins. But this blind spot to the tiniest among us, the ones without voices, makes me marvel at how two travelers on the same road end up on the farthest ends of the River Jordan.

POEM

Trumpty Dumpty a Seussian sonnet

By **JOSEPH B. CONNOLLY**


*I really like this Don that Trumps
ignorant of all his campaign lumps
I just adore his funky hair
with urine colored dye so fair
I quite admire his unmitigated gall
to think that Mexico will build his wall
I believe sincerely his racist views
will headline all today's KKK news
I read his twaddling, thick headed TWEETS
and tire of how he continuously repeats
all his double speak and prevarication
is a major insult to our great nation
I think his vacuous thought is smart
just about as much as a peanut fart*

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The Weather

5-DAY FORECAST FOR SAIPAN AND TINIAN


TODAY



Mostly cloudy with isolated showers and thunderstorms. East winds 10 to 15 mph.

▲88° ▼79°


WEDNESDAY



Mostly cloudy with isolated showers and thunderstorms. Northeast winds 10 to 15 mph.

▲88° ▼79°


THURSDAY



Cloudy with scattered showers and isolated thunderstorms.

▲89° ▼79°


FRIDAY



Mostly cloudy with isolated showers and thunderstorms.

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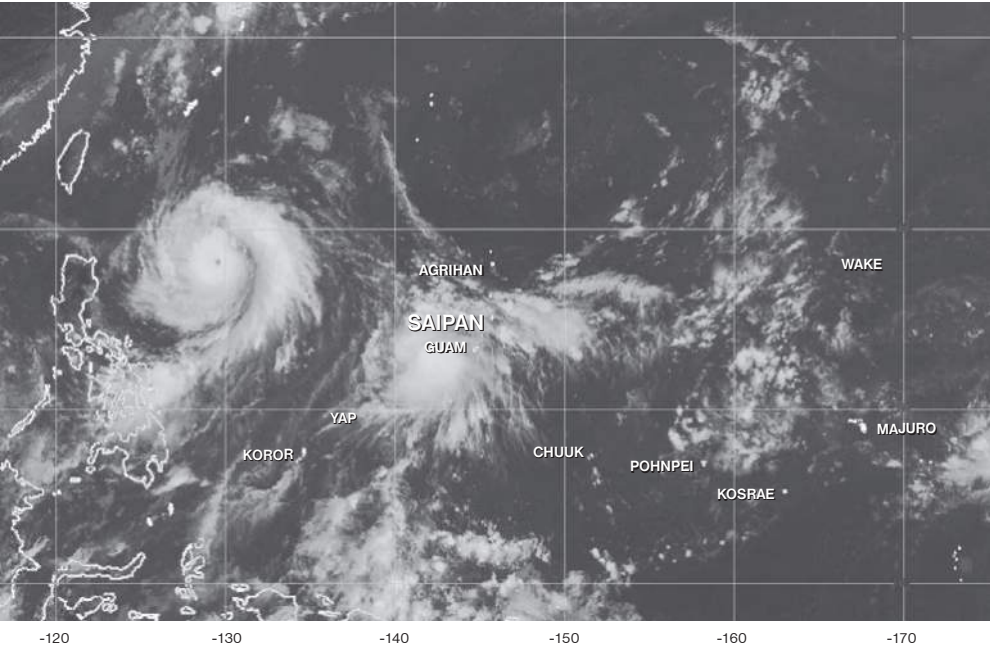
SATURDAY



Partly cloudy with isolated showers.

▲89° ▼79°

YESTERDAY'S SATELLITE IMAGE



PICTURE TIME: 7:17 AM, MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 12, 2016
Western North Pacific between equator and 25N from 130E to 180.

A developing tropical disturbance, the subject of a Tropical Cyclone Formation Alert, is moving through the region just to the south of Guam. Breezy conditions with scattered showers and isolated thunderstorms are present with this system, with numerous showers seen to the south of Guam. The circulation is moving fairly quickly to the west, and will drag the showers with it later this evening. Continued the previous forecast for scattered showers through tonight, however, due to the quick movement of this circulation, showers could decrease to isolated by this evening. Drier conditions will then return for late tonight and Tuesday. Another weak disturbance, currently north of Kosrae, will approach the area around mid week. The last few model runs have been in fairly good agreement that this system will develop into a weak circulation near the Marianas and bring another round of scattered showers to the islands before a much drier pattern returns for the weekend. Based on latest model guidance, increased cloud cover and shower coverage fro Wednesday evening through Thursday night with this system, with isolated showers returning for Friday through the weekend.

Satellite image and accompanying information are provided by the National Weather Service. For an updated weather forecast, visit the National Weather Service Guam homepage: www.prh.noaa.gov/guam/

MICRONESIA ▼ ▲		
Guam and Rota	Mostly cloudy	82 / 90 °F
Palau	Partly sunny	81 / 87 °F
Yap	Partly sunny	80 / 91 °F
Chuuk	Afternoon clouds	79 / 89 °F
Pohnpei	Partly sunny	76 / 88 °F
Kosrae	Partly cloudy	83 / 88 °F
Majuro	Partly cloudy	82 / 87 °F

AROUND THE GLOBE ▼ ▲		
Auckland	Mostly sunny	49 / 60 °F
Beijing	Morning clouds	64 / 83 °F
Hong Kong	Morning clouds	80 / 88 °F
Honolulu	Partly cloudy	74 / 82 °F
London	Partly cloudy	68 / 87 °F
Los Angeles	Morning clouds	58 / 68 °F
Manila	Afternoon clouds	80 / 89 °F
Melbourne	Lots of rain	44 / 54 °F
Miami	High level clouds	79 / 87 °F
New York	Mostly sunny	63 / 81 °F
Osaka	Mostly cloudy	74 / 83 °F
Paris	Morning clouds	68 / 89 °F
Pusan	Morning clouds	70 / 78 °F
Rome	Partly cloudy	62 / 85 °F
Salem	Sunny	51 / 82 °F
San Francisco	Morning clouds	57 / 67 °F
Seoul	High level clouds	63 / 84 °F
Tokyo	Heavy rain	73 / 79 °F
Washington, DC	Morning clouds	63 / 85 °F



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SUNRISE / SUNSET		
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Friday	6:06 AM	6:18 PM
Saturday	6:06 AM	6:17 PM

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Today	3:29 PM	2:23 AM
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UA2922	8:40am	9:30am	Daily	UA2925	7:15am	8:05am	Daily
UA2921	1:30pm	3:10pm	1, 4, 5, 7 via Rota	UA2921	12:10pm	1:00pm	1, 4, 5, 7
UA2920	2:20pm	3:10pm	2, 3, 6	UA2920	12:10pm	1:50pm	2, 3, 6 via Rota
UA2928	6:05pm	6:55pm	Daily	UA2927	4:45pm	5:35pm	Daily
UA2926	9:50pm	10:40pm	Daily	UA2929	8:30pm	9:20pm	Daily
SAIPAN-ROTA (ROP)				GUAM (GUM)-ROTA (ROP)			
UA2921	1:30pm	2:05pm	1, 4, 5, 7	UA2920	12:10pm	12:45pm	2, 3, 6
ROTA (ROP)-GUAM (GUM)				ROTA (ROP)-SAIPAN			
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DL297	4:20pm	7:00pm	Daily	DL298	10:30am	3:05pm	Daily
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7C3403	4:45am	8:30am	Daily	OZ6053	10:35am	4:05pm	4, 7
LJ652	2:10pm	6:05pm	Daily	OZ625	7:40pm	1:10am+1	7
7C3401	4:00pm	7:45pm	Daily	OZ625	8:15pm	1:45am+1	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6
OZ6063	5:15pm	8:35pm	4, 7	7C3404	10:10pm	3:40am+1	Daily
SAIPAN-BUSAN (PUS)				BUSAN (PUS)-SAIPAN			
OZ608	3:10am	6:20am	4, 7	OZ607	9:05pm	1:55am+1	3, 6
SAIPAN-SHANGHAI (PVG)				SHANGHAI (PVG)-SAIPAN			
3U8648	6:10am	8:40am	1, 4, 5, 7	3U8647	10:40pm	5:00am+1	3, 4, 6, 7
SAIPAN-BEIJING (PEK)				BEIJING (PEK)-SAIPAN			
MU764	1:30am	6:35am	3, 5, 7	MU763	4:40pm	12:30am+1	2, 4, 6
SAIPAN-GUANGZHOU (CAN)				GUANGZHOU (CAN)-SAIPAN			
3U8646	4:20am	7:30am	2, 6	3U8645	7:40pm	3:00am+1	1, 5
SAIPAN-MANILA (MNL)				MANILA (MNL)-SAIPAN			
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UA2924/PR111	4:15am	9:15am	Daily via GUM	PR1571	9:20pm	3:35am+1	3, 7
PR1572	4:35am	6:45am	1, 4	UA192/2925	9:45pm	8:05am+1	2, 5 via ROR-GUM
UA2921/183	1:30pm	8:50pm	5 via Rota-GUM	PR110/UA2925	10:05pm	8:05am+1	Daily via GUM
UA2921/183	1:30pm	9:10pm	1, 4, 7 via Rota-GUM	UA184/2925	10:25pm	8:05am+1	1, 3, 4, 6, 7 via GUM
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Camacho pushes immediate action on labor crisis

GUAM—Former governor Felix P. Camacho said more needs to be done to address the current labor crisis facing the U.S. territory and that the mass rejection of H2B visas is extremely detrimental to Guam's economy.

"History shows that Guam cannot do away with H2B workers as the island does not have a sustainable labor force and the tyranny of dis-

tance from the U.S. Mainland makes it difficult to attract enough U.S. workers from the mainland," Camacho said adding that the rejection of H2B visas is not a result of changing of the law; it is a result of how U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services interprets the law when adjudicating the petitions. Therefore, there has to be a way to persuade USCIS to interpret

the law as it did before.

Camacho said the short-term solution is to persuade USCIS to go back to how it previously adjudicated H2B visas and clearly writing letters to the agency is not enough.

"At this point only the President of the United States can bring about an immediate solution by direct intervention using his executive authority to re-

verse this trend of complete denials of H2B Visa applications for Guam and the nation," Camacho said.

"Our current delegate should seek a meeting immediately with the President and make the case for Guam on how damaging this is to our island."

Camacho noted that the proposed amendment authored by our current del-

egate addresses issues for companies seeking H2B workers for Military build-up related projects but it does not address local, non-military projects and the construction companies that rely on H2B workers.

"This solution might help big budget, inside the fence projects, but what happens to a family just trying to build a first home?" Camacho asked. "Construction costs will rise and schedules will be delayed in favor of

big federal projects. We need solutions that will help our whole island, not just our military partners. That is why as a long-term solution I suggest introducing Congressional legislation that creates a unique program for Guam to meet the demands of the military and local construction projects. Guam plays a vital strategic role with the U.S. Department of Defense so what is good for Guam is good for our nation." (PR)

BEH closes 2 restaurants

The Bureau of Environmental Health last month closed Franko's Yum Yum Catering in Kagman and the Grandvrio Airi Restaurant in Garapan for serious violations of health and sanitation standards.

The inspection and eventual closure of the two establishments were part of the sanitary inspections conducted by BEH last August. The following retail, eating, and drinking establishments and their corresponding grades are as follows:

Grade A

- D.C. Coffee Shop, Garapan
- Sam Corporaation Pacific Distillery, San Antonio
- Alberto's Catering, Chalan Kanoa
- Alberto's BBQ, Chalan Kanoa
- Kim's Mini Mart, San Jose
- Kee Sandwich to go, Garapan
- Store CBA retail, Garapan
- Blue Sky Market &

Butcher, Chalan Piao

- Top academy & Interior, Navy Hill
- K5 Childhood Development Center, Koblerville
- Northern Marianas International School, Susupe
- Northern Marianas Trade Institute, Lower Base
- PSS- Kagman High School, Kagman
- PSS-Koblerville Elementary School, Koblerville
- PSS-Dandan Middle School, Dandan
- PSS-Oleai Elementary School, Oleai
- PSS-WSR Elementary School, Chalan Kanoa
- PSS-G.T.C. Elementary School, San Roque

Grade B

- Moby Dick Restaurant, Garapan
- Piggy House Restaurant, Chalan Laulau
- Grandvrio Tropicana Restaurant, Garapan

Grade C

- Grandvrio Dolphin Restaurant, Garapan (PR)



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PUBLIC NOTICE

Pursuant to the Open Government Act, Governor Ralph DLG. Torres, and Lt. Governor Victor B. Hocog, through the Commonwealth Casino Commission ("Commission"), hereby give notice that the Commission has scheduled a meeting on Thursday, September 15, 2016 at 10:00 a.m. at the Joeten-Kiyu Public Library (Technology Room) in Susupe, Saipan.

The following Agenda will be discussed:

- PRELIMINARIES:**
 - Call to Order
 - Roll Call
 - Adoption of Agenda
 - Adoption of the Minutes – August 11-12, 2016
- REPORTS:**
 - Report by the Chairman
 - Report by the Executive Director
- PUBLIC COMMENTS:**
- OLD BUSINESS:**
 - Proposed Junket Agreement between IPI and Junket Operators
- NEW BUSINESS:**
 - Casino Key Employee – Provisional & Regular Licenses:
Provisional: 1. Chan, Kin Man, 2. Chu, Wai Seng, 3. Ho, Ka U, 4. Kwan, Kwok Hong, 5. Morrow, Laurence Scott, 6. Sutherland, Robert Lynn, 7. Xu, Bo Chuan, 8. Butcher, Kelly M.
Regular: 1. Alepuyo, Ellsbeth Viola, 2. Badal, Mark Kris, 3. Brown, Mark Anthony, 4. Browne, Donald Robert, 5. Decker, Caren Michelle, 6. Guerrero, Dave Bernard, 7. Hallmark, Donavon Darel, 8. Mascio, Vincent Phillip, 9. McDonald, Charles Henry, 10. Xia, Yuki Yu, 11. Xing, Tao
Casino Service Providers – Regular Licenses:
 1. Jade Entertainment (Gaming Equipment and Peripheral Gaming Equipment)
 2. Vantiv Gaming Solutions Limited Liability Company (Payment Platform Processing System)
 C. IPI's Request to Pledge the Casino License and Other Collaterals as Security
- EXECUTIVE SESSION:**
 - Report by the Legal Counsel
 - Commission Personnel Matters
- MISCELLANEOUS MATTERS:**
 - Progress Report by Imperial Pacific International (CNMI) LLC:
 - Personnel Training and Recruitment Efforts
 - Construction Progress Report
 - Other
 - Other Miscellaneous Matters:
- ADJOURNMENT**

Pursuant to Public Law 8-41, Section 13(a)(7) and Section 13(c), the Commission may vote to meet in Executive Session. In addition, the Commission may extend its official meeting for another day or more if necessary.

Juan M. Sablan
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REQUEST FOR QUALIFICATIONS STATEMENTS FOR PROJECT MANAGEMENT SERVICES NMC SOQ 16-001

Northern Marianas College is soliciting statements of professional qualifications from interested firms to perform Project Management Services for work related to the planning, design and construction/ renovation phases associated with NMC Capital Improvement Projects and ongoing Typhoon Soudelor Recovery efforts. The selected firm(s) will provide Project Management Services and other Professional and Technical Capacity Services as required for the completion of assigned NMC Capital Improvement Projects including the design and construction of a new multi-level building to house classrooms and direct student support programs on the As Terlaje, Saipan Campus.

The Request for Statement of Qualifications (SOQ) Package is available at NMC, Procurement Office, Bldg. L, 2nd floor. No fee is required for obtaining the proposal package. Questions regarding this request for qualifications statement must be submitted in electronic or written form no later than 4:30 Pm, September 23, 2016 CST.

Interested firms shall submit one (1) original, four (4) copies no later than 10:00am, **October 14, 2016, NMC Procurement & Property Management Office**, As Terlaje Campus, Saipan.

At a minimum, the statements of professional qualification will be evaluated based on the following criteria:

1. Overall PM experience in the Pacific area and especially the Commonwealth of the Northern Marianas Island; - 30 Points
2. PM Experience related to Higher Education Campus Facilities; - 30 Points
3. Level of proficiency in performing PM services promptly; and level of experience with local and federal regulations and requirements; - 20 Points
4. Resumes of key personnel including current licenses and registrations of principal, if applicable; - 20 Points

Discussions may be conducted with selected firms regarding agreement requirements and technical approach and a selection made there, in order of preference, of no less than three (3) firms determined to be the most highly qualified to perform the services required. An agreement shall be negotiated with the highest qualified Firm or Company at a price determined to be fair and reasonable to the College. If a fair and reasonable price cannot be negotiated with the highest ranking qualified firm, then additional firms may be selected in order of competence and qualifications and negotiations continued until a fair and reasonable price is agreed upon.

NMC reserves the right to reject any and/or all statement of professional qualification for any reason if it deems, in its sole discretion, it is in the best interest of the College.

/s/ Anita Camacho
Procurement Manager, NMC

/s/ David J. Attao
Interim President, NMC

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**PROCUREMENT AND SUPPLY
CNMI GOVERNMENT**
INVITATION TO BID
ITB NO.: ITB16-PR-170

SUBMISSION DATE: SEPTEMBER 23, 2016 TIME: 9:30 A.M.

"PURCHASE OF A 4X4 – FOUR DOORS/FULL SIZE/LONG BED PICK-UP TRUCK FOR THE DLNR – DIVISION OF PARKS AND RECREATION"

COPIES OF THE SPECIFICATIONS MAY BE PICKED-UP AT THE OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR, DIVISION OF PROCUREMENT AND SUPPLY LOCATED AT THE FORMER EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT OFFICE, ASCENSION DRIVE, BUILDING NO. 1301, CAPITOL HILL, SAIPAN, DURING REGULAR WORKING HOURS.

THE GOVERNMENT RESERVES THE RIGHT TO REJECT ANY AND ALL BIDS AND PROPOSALS, IN WHOLE OR IN PART, AND TO WAIVE ANY IMPERFECTION IN A BID IN THE BEST INTEREST OF THE COMMONWEALTH.

/S/ ELICEO D. CABRERA
DIRECTOR, PARKS & RECREATION

/S/ HERMAN S. SABLAN
DIRECTOR, P&S

**PROCUREMENT AND SUPPLY
CNMI GOVERNMENT**
INVITATION TO BID
ITB NO.: ITB16-SOF-053

SUBMISSION DATE: SEPTEMBER 27, 2016 TIME: 10:00 A.M.

"FUEL SUPPLY/ FLEET CARD SYSTEM A PROJECT UNDER THE SECRETARY OF FINANCE"

THE SCOPE OF WORK MAY BE PICKED-UP AT THE OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR OF PROCUREMENT AND SUPPLY, LOCATED AT THE FORMER EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT OFFICE, ASCENSION DRIVE, BUILDING NO. 1301, CAPITOL HILL DURING REGULAR WORKING HOURS.

THE PROVISIONS OF THE CNMI PROCUREMENT REGULATIONS, NMIAC SECTION 70-30.3-725 AND 70-30.3-730 PROHIBITING GRATUITIES, KICKBACKS AND CONTINGENT FEES SHALL APPLY.

THE GOVERNMENT RESERVES THE RIGHT TO REJECT ANY OR ALL PROPOSALS, IN WHOLE OR IN PART AND TO WAIVE ANY IMPERFECTIONS IN A BID IN THE BEST INTEREST OF THE GOVERNMENT. ALL PROPOSALS SHALL BECOME THE PROPERTY OF THE CNMI GOVERNMENT.

/S/ LARISSA C. LARSON
SECRETARY OF FINANCE

/S/ HERMAN S. SABLAN
DIRECTOR, P&S

NOTICE OF ZONING BOARD PUBLIC HEARING

for
New Expedition Corporation

The Public is invited to attend and provide comments at a Zoning Board public hearing on this request for Conditional Use Permit. New Expedition Corporation is proposing to occupy a property to operate a Powered Paragliding. This use is classified as "Amusement, Outdoor" and is permitted in the district as a Conditional Use. This project is located in San Juan, Marpi on Lot 056 C 116. It is zoned as Rural.

Date: September 19, 2016
Time: 5:00 pm
Place: Zoning Board Conference Room, 2nd Fl. Joeten Dandan Comm'l Bldg.

Comments on the proposal may be submitted orally or in writing at the public hearing. Written comments may be submitted directly to the Zoning Office before 4:30 pm, September 16, 2016. Please send written comments via e-mail to Therese.Ogumoro@zoning.gov.mp, via US mail to Caller Box 10007, Saipan, MP 96950, or deliver them to the Zoning Office, 2nd floor, Joeten Building, Dandan, Saipan.

For questions or access to materials to be considered at the public hearing, or if you require assistance, please call 234-9661. This notice is provided pursuant to Public Law 6-32, as amended (2 CMC 7201, et seq.) and the Saipan Zoning Law of 2013.

/s/ Diego C. Blanco, Chairman

NOTICE OF ZONING BOARD PUBLIC HEARING

for
Sunleader (Saipan) Company, Ltd.

The Public is invited to attend and provide comments at a Zoning Board public hearing on this request for Conditional Use Permit. Sunleader (Saipan) Company, Ltd. is proposing to amend their Conditional Use Permit No. 2015-3667 to construct an additional fourth and fifth floor levels to their hotel. This use is classified as "Hotel/Motel" and is permitted in the district as a Conditional Use. This project is located in Garapan on Lots 007 D 41 & 007 D 56. It is zoned as Tourist Resort.

Date: September 19, 2016
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'We Will Never Forget: Field of Heroes'

PHOTOS By ERWIN ENCINARES



The Department of Fire and Emergency Services conducts a water salute in honor of those who have and continue to risk their lives for freedom during "We Will Never Forget: Field of Heroes" 15th anniversary of the 9/11 tragedy commemoration ceremony last Sunday at the CPA Airport Field.



Members of the Department of Public Safety and the Commonwealth Ports Authority police perform the 21-gun salute in honor of the fallen.



Priority Care staff, one of the various first responders in case of an emergency, were also honored during the "We Will Never Forget: Field of Heroes" event at the CPA Airport Field.

Matua Riders Group prepare for their Dedication Lap in honor of the servicemen and first responders past and present.



Miss Marianas 2016 Peachy Quitugua poses for a picture in the field of flags.



Two of American Red Cross NMI Chapter's 13 volunteers that were deployed on ground zero after the tragic incident. From left, Florence Sablan and Anne Earhard.



Father James Balajadia leads the prayer before starting the ceremonies in memory of the tragic event.



Marianas High School's Glee Club sing the National Anthem and the CNMI Anthem at the event "We Will Never Forget: Field of Heroes."



The various departments and first responders group up for a picture in front of the field of flags at the CPA Airport Field.



Department of Fire and Emergency Medical Service Commissioner Clyde Norita welcomes the attendees of the event with his opening remarks.

Business

Big Food's biggest trend? Crusading against Big Food

KANSAS CITY, Mo. (AP)—Gathered for a free music festival, a crowd waits to see one of the headline attractions—an exhibit about fast-food ingredients.

On display: Beakers of powders and liquids that purportedly go into what is clearly meant to look like a McDonald's burger. Just below are leaves and spices that Chipotle says make up its burrito. As pop bands perform nearby, other festivalgoers play an online game fighting a "galactic battle against artificial ingredients."

Chipotle's "Cultivate" festivals encapsulate the food industry's hottest marketing trend: crusading against Big Food.

While the burrito maker still struggles to recover from an E. coli outbreak last year, its previous success in presenting itself as a reformer has led companies big and small to follow suit as they seek part of the \$256 billion that Ameri-

cans spend on fast-food each year. But some are positioning themselves as advocates for change before accomplishing some health goals, and skeptics say even well-intentioned marketing can be a disingenuous way to help people rationalize overeating.

The message is aimed at those who feel the established food system is to blame for poor eating habits, and tries to engage them to feel like allies rather than customers.

"Identifying who the enemy is" can be a key part of effective marketing, says branding consultant Laura Ries.

Salad chain Sweetgreen's campaign to fix what it calls the "broken" food system asks people to join its "movement" and borrows self-help language in saying the first step is "admitting there's a problem." Panera has challenged other chains to make kids' meals



AP
In this Saturday, July 23, 2016, photo, people view a display contrasting different pig-raising operations, at Chipotle's Cultivate Festival in Kansas City, Mo.

without artificial ingredients, although it hadn't done so itself at the time.

This kind of marketing has even changed the way the industry's giants talk about themselves. McDonald's unveiled a food "philosophy"

this summer and announced it was eliminating some unpalatable-sounding ingredients. Wendy's casts itself as part of the "farm-to-fork, fast-food trend," and Taco Bell, which has been testing a taco shell made out of fried chicken, refers to "the farms that make our food."

Among the about 18,000 attendees at Chipotle's festival this summer in Kansas City, 21-year-old Mario Curiale said he was taking in the company-sponsored exhibits with some skepticism. But he liked that Chipotle was encouraging interest in food.

"I don't think high school did a really good job on educating us on these sort of is-

sues. If you're interested, you have to go out and learn it yourself," he said.

While more attention on food issues may be progress, some see it as a way to distract people with feel-good messages.

"It can be well-intentioned marketing, but it's still marketing," said Yoni Freedhoff, an obesity expert at the University of Ottawa.

Obesity is being fueled in part by people eating out more often, Freedhoff said, with restaurants typically serving up decadent portions. Touting wholesome ingredients doesn't address that, he noted, and may even make it worse by blinding people to how

much they're consuming.

In issuing its challenge to improve kids' meals, Panera also decried marketing gimmicks, then launched digital ads featuring children's voices trying to explain items like "sodium benzoate."

Much smaller competitors are joining in. Local, which touts its "revolutionary fast food" in two low-income California locations, says "giant corporations that feed most of America have degraded our communities by maximizing profit."

"Let's plant the seeds and wake people up!!!" its website urges, alongside menus listing "Chicken Nugs" for \$3. The company did not respond to requests for details about its sourcing.

In Colorado, entrepreneur Kimbal Musk plans a fast-food restaurant as part of his push to create a "real food culture." Musk, the brother of tech mogul Elon Musk, already has several sit-down restaurants and blames processed foods low in nutrients for leaving people "fat and starving."

Mid-level manager needs upper-level support in handling troublesome worker

Q: I have repeatedly attempted to discipline one of my employees but it hasn't done any good. "Shelby" likes to stir up trouble and constantly tries to intimidate her co-workers. Although I have warned her many times, her behavior hasn't changed at all.

The problem is that Shelby works closely with the owner of our business. If I give her a performance warning, she goes crying to him and says I'm picking on her. He has frequently told me to just leave her alone.

Because the owner won't allow me to do my job as office manager, Shelby knows she can get away with anything. Everyone is frustrated with her behavior, and several people have left because of it. What can I do about this?

A: To find a more effective approach, you need to consider three facts. First, without the backing of higher management, disciplinary actions are completely meaningless. Issuing empty warnings might make you feel more like a manager, but you're actually just wasting time and energy.

Second, to have any hope of success, you must get the owner on your side. While a larger organization might provide other avenues of support, in a small, privately owned company, the owner has complete control. De-

YOUR OFFICE COACH

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spite having the title of office manager, you only have as much power as he gives you.

Finally, your biggest obstacle is that Shelby currently has more leverage than you do. As long as the owner keeps ruling in her favor, she can safely ignore your warnings. So you must help him see that she's a problem which needs solving.

To get the owner's attention, keep the focus on business issues. Instead of complaining about Shelby's irritating personality, calmly describe how her behavior is hurting the company. If she's driving people away, for example, you could discuss the cost of turnover and the time required to train new staff.

When employees gripe about Shelby's behavior, consider suggesting that they take their concerns directly to the owner. If he views this as a personal conflict between you and Shelby, hearing from her unhappy colleagues may paint a more accurate picture.

Q: I recently got a new

manager who is giving me a hard time, so I'm hoping to transfer to another department. Because I have been in my current position for three years, this would also be good for my career.

When I mentioned transferring, my manager said he wanted me to stay in this job for one more year. However, I would like to move as soon as possible. How should I handle this?

A: To avoid irritating your manager, you want to increase your odds of transferring without blatantly lobbying for a new position. Therefore, you should look for ways to interact with people who may know about available openings. As you grow your internal network, opportunities may appear.

At the same time, you should make every effort to get along with this challenging new boss. Remember that managers do talk to each other, so anyone who might hire you is likely to ask him for a recommendation.

Economists: Growth expected for at least 2 more years

Business economists still think the economy will continue to grow for the next two years, but they again have scaled back their expectations for just how much.

The median estimate from economists surveyed by the National Association for Business Economics calls for gross domestic product growth of 1.5 percent this year, down from the 1.8 percent they forecast in June. The outlook for next year calls for 2.3 percent growth.

In addition, 81 percent of those surveyed said they don't expect the U.S. economy to peak until at least 2018.

The association notes that the September report, released Monday, represents the fourth-consecutive quarterly survey in

which the participating economists have lowered their expectations for 2016 for GDP growth.

The group points to lower expectations for business investment as the main reason, but it also notes that worries about the outcome of November's presidential election are also weighing on expectations. Just over half of the economists surveyed said election uncertainty had a "modest negative" impact on their GDP expectations for this year.

The association added that 56 percent of those surveyed said they saw the possibility of a Hillary Clinton win as having a neutral effect on their economic growth expectations, while 60 percent said they thought the election of

Donald Trump would have a negative effect.

On the bright side, the economists don't expect the reduced GDP expectations to carry over to consumer spending. The report's median forecast for growth in real personal consumption expenditures is 2.7 percent in 2016 and 2.6 percent in 2017.

Both predictions represent an increase of 0.1 percentage points from June numbers.

And the panel is now predicting flat corporate profits in 2016—better than the median 2 percent decline projected in June. For 2017, they expect a gain of 4.2 percent.

The survey of 46 forecasters was taken between Aug. 8 and Aug. 25.

Gas prices up 4 cents cent to \$2.21 a gallon

CAMARILLO, Calif. (AP)—The average price of gasoline in the U.S. is up four cents over the past three weeks to \$2.21 a gallon for regular grade.

Industry analyst Trilby Lundberg said Sunday that higher crude oil costs caused

refiners and retailers to bump up their prices.

The average price is 23 cents lower than a year ago.

The Lundberg Survey found the average price of midgrade unleaded is \$2.49 a gallon, and the average price of premium is \$2.71 a gallon.

The highest average price for regular gas in the contiguous U.S. is \$2.71 a gallon in San Francisco. The lowest is \$1.91 in Jackson, Mississippi.

The U.S. average diesel price is \$2.39 per gallon, up about four cents from three weeks ago.

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Clinton recovering after health episode, cancels Calif. trip

NEW YORK (AP)—An ill Hillary Clinton abruptly left a 9/11 anniversary ceremony Sunday and needed to be held up by three people before she appeared to stumble off a curb and was helped into a van. Several hours later, her campaign revealed she had been diagnosed with pneumonia on Friday and advised to rest.

Less than two months from Election Day, it was an unwanted visual for Clinton as she tries to project the strength and vigor needed for one of the world's most demanding jobs. Republican rival Donald Trump has spent months questioning Clinton's health, saying she lacks the stamina to be president.

In a statement, Clinton's doctor said the former secretary of state had become overheated and dehydrated at the event in lower Manhattan. "I have just examined her and she is now rehydrated and recovering nicely," Dr. Lisa R. Bardack said.

The physician said Clin-



Democratic presidential candidate Hillary Clinton, center, accompanied by Sen. Chuck Schumer, D-N.Y., center left, Rep. Joseph Crowley, D-N.Y., second from left, and New York Mayor Bill de Blasio, center top, attends a ceremony at the Sept. 11 memorial, in New York, Sunday, Sept. 11, 2016.

ton has had an allergy-related cough, and that during a follow-up examination Friday, the candidate was diagnosed with pneumonia, put on an-

tibiotics, advised to rest and modify her schedule.

Clinton's departure from the event was not witnessed by the reporters who travel with her

campaign and aides provided no information about why she left or her whereabouts for nearly two hours. Spokesman Nick Merrill eventually

said Clinton had gone to her daughter's nearby apartment, but refused to say whether the former secretary of state had required medical attention.

Clinton exited the apartment on her own shortly before noon. She waved to reporters and said, "I'm feeling great. It's a beautiful day in New York."

In the meantime, a video surfaced on Twitter that showed Clinton being held up by aides as a black van pulls up. She stumbles and appears to fall off the curb as she is helped inside.

After leaving her daughter's, Clinton was driven to her home in Chappaqua, New York, and made no public appearances. She later called off plans to fly to California on Monday morning for two days of fundraising, campaign events and an appearance on Ellen DeGeneres' talk show.

Trump, who attended the same event marking the 15th anniversary of the 9/11 attacks, was noticeably restrained. Asked by a reporter about Clinton's health incident, Trump said, "I don't know anything."

The incident compounds an already difficult stretch for Clinton as the presidential race enters its final stretch. Despite Trump's numerous missteps, the race remains close and many Americans view Clinton as dishonest and untrustworthy.

On Friday, Clinton told donors that "half" of rival Donald Trump's supporters are in a "basket of deplorables"—a comment that drew sharp criticism from Republicans. Clinton later said she regretted applying that description to "half" of Trump's backers, but stuck by her assertion that the GOP nominee has given a platform to "hateful views and voices."

Now Clinton is sure to face new questions about whether she's physically fit for the presidency. Trump and his supporters have been hinting at potential health issues for months, questioning Clinton's stamina when she takes routine days off the campaign trail and reviving questions about a concussion she sustained in December 2012 after fainting. Her doctor attributed that episode to a stomach virus and dehydration.

White House campaign casts a shadow over 9/11 anniversary

NEW YORK (AP)—The U.S. marked the 15th anniversary of 9/11 with the solemn roll call of the dead Sunday but couldn't keep the presidential campaign from intruding on what is traditionally a politics-free moment of remembrance.

About 90 minutes into the ground zero ceremony, Hillary Clinton left after feeling "overheated," her campaign said. A doctor for the 68-year-old Democrat said Sunday she had previously been diagnosed with pneumonia. Hours after video surfaced of her stumbling into a van, Clinton said she was "feeling great," but the doctor advised her to rest.

Donald Trump has repeatedly questioned whether Clinton is physically fit to be president. Asked about the incident, the Republican nominee said only: "I don't know anything about it." Trump left the ceremony after Clinton.

The episode cast a political shadow over an event that has tried to keep the focus on remembrance by inviting politicians but barring them from speaking. The two candidates had followed the custom of suspending all TV ads for the day.

The politics of the moment weren't entirely absent from the ceremony, where some victims' relatives pleaded for

the nation to look past its differences, expressed hopes for peace or called on the next commander-in-chief to ensure the country's safety.

Joseph Quinn, who lost his brother, Jimmy, appealed to Americans to regain the sense of unity that welled up after the terror attacks.

"I know, in our current political environment, it may feel we're divided. Don't believe it," said Quinn, who added that he served in the military in Iraq after Sept. 11. "Engage with your community. ... Be the connection we all desperately need."

Nearly 3,000 people died when terrorists slammed hi-

acked planes into the World Trade Center, the Pentagon and a field near Shanksville, Pennsylvania, on Sept. 11, 2001.

Organizers estimated 8,000 people gathered Sunday at the lower Manhattan spot where the twin towers once stood. They listened to the nearly four-hour recitation of the names of those killed.

"It doesn't get easier. The grief never goes away. You don't move forward—it always stays with you," Tom Acquaviva, who lost his son, Paul.

For Dorothy Esposito, the passage of 15 years feels "like 15 seconds." Her son, Frankie, was killed.

ACROSS THE NATION

Descendants of Utah massacre victims see likely gravesites

ST. GEORGE, Utah (AP)—Nearly 160 years after the massacre of a wagon train in southern Utah, the pioneers' descendants got their first glimpse of what is believed to be their gravesites. Descendants of the Mountain Meadows Massacre victims gathered Saturday about 35 miles southwest of Cedar City to look at piles of rocks. Those rocks could likely be where their relatives were laid to rest, according to a California archaeologist. In August 2014, Everett Bassett found what appeared to be two gravesites on a rancher's land. Bassett was back there again to lead the descendants, some of whom came from across the country, around the sites. The rocks piled in both places have lichen that is around 120 years old, Bassett said. They also look like they were built in a way that members of the military would have done.

School bus driver killed, others injured in crash at airport

DENVER (AP)—A school bus driver was killed Sunday and several others were seriously injured after the bus

veered off a roadway at Denver International Airport and crashed into a concrete pillar, police said. About 4:08 p.m. Sunday, the driver circled back to the airport and crashed into the pillar after she picked up members of the Legacy High School football team, police said. The driver had picked up 28 students and four adults, airport spokeswoman Stacey Stegman told the Denver Post. The female driver died at the scene, police spokesman John White said.

Plans for \$487 million Powerball jackpot to be announced

CONCORD, N.H. (AP)—Attorneys for the winner of a \$487 million Powerball jackpot are announcing the winner's philanthropic plans for the money. The winning ticket for the July 30 drawing was sold at a supermarket in Raymond, New Hampshire, a town of about 10,000 residents. The New Hampshire Lottery says attorneys will come forward on Monday. It's unclear if the winner will make an appearance. It's the eighth largest U.S. lottery jackpot. The lump sum option is worth \$330.6 million. Tickets are sold in 44 states, the District of Columbia, Puerto Rico and the U.S. Virgin Islands.

Jails, prisons still trying to meet federal anti-rape rules

HOUSTON (AP)—Miguel Moll knew the risk of rape when he was thrown into a Texas jail in 1989 after joyriding in a stolen car.

Then 17, he was placed in a holding pen in Houston, and an older inmate said of the teenager, "I got this one." The comment sparked the first of many fights Moll had while behind bars.

"The mentality you have to develop very quickly is either that of a wolf or that of a lamb," he recalled.

A generation later, the federal government has adopted guidelines intended to prevent prison rape in part by

separating young offenders from adult inmates. But four years after the rules were supposed to take effect, they are proving difficult to adopt in the nation's crowded jails and penitentiaries.

Since 2012, states have been working to meet the standards set forth by the Prison Rape Elimination Act, or PREA, which was partially inspired by the 1996 death of Rodney Hulin, an undersized 17-year-old inmate who hanged himself in Texas after his requests for help following repeated rapes by adult inmates were denied.

Texas sheriff's offices say

separating the two populations has been a challenge because of overcrowding and steep financial costs.

"It's a big logistical headache," Brazos County Sheriff Chris Kirk said.

The law was also supposed to provide for better staff training, improved reporting and investigation of all sexual assaults behind bars and more money for research.

In 2011-12, an estimated 4 percent of state and federal inmates and 3.2 percent of jail inmates reported experiencing one or more incidents of sexual victimization by another inmate or facility staff, accord-

ing to the Justice Department.

The rape-prevention law "is a valuable and important act, and we take it very seriously," said Ryan Sullivan, a spokesman for the Harris County Sheriff's Office, which has about 150 youth offenders at its jail in Houston. The facility holds more than 9,000 inmates.

The Harris County Jail was cited in a May audit for not housing 17-year-old offenders apart from adult inmates. Elsewhere in Texas, Dallas County is spending more than \$11,000 per week to keep at least 60 juveniles separated from adults at its jail complex.

Asia

Seoul says North Korea capable of another nuclear test

SEOUL, South Korea (AP)—North Korea is capable of detonating another nuclear device anytime at one of its unused tunnels at the country's main atomic test site, Seoul official said Monday, three days after the country carried out its fifth bomb explosion.

The North's latest nuclear test was the most powerful to date and its claim to have used "standardized" warheads sparked worries it was making headway in its push to develop small and sophisticated warheads to be topped on missiles. Seoul, Washington and their allies subsequently vowed to apply more pressure and sanctions on Pyongyang.

After the test, the North's nuclear weapons institute said it will take unspecified measures to further boost its nuclear capability, which analysts said hinted at a possible sixth nuclear test.

South Korea's Defense Ministry spokesman Moon

Sang Gyun said Monday that South Korea and U.S. intelligence authorities believe North Korea has the ability to detonate another atomic device anytime at the Punggye-ri test site, where the five previous atomic explosions took place.

Moon refused to say what specific evidence pointed to another possible North Korea test.

Yonhap news agency, citing unidentified Seoul government sources, reported Monday there were signs the North had finished test preparations in an unused tunnel. Yonhap did not elaborate.

South Korea's top military intelligence officer, Kim Hwang Rok, said Friday that North Korea has two or three unused tunnels in the Punggye-ri site where it can conduct an additional test if it wants. Kim, director of the Korea Defense Intelligence Agency, made the remarks during a meeting with South Korea's ruling party chief Lee Jung-hyun, according to party

spokesman Yeom Dong-yeol.

South Korea has long avoided harsh rhetoric against North Korea and its leader Kim Jong Un but after Friday's nuclear test, South Korean President Park Geun-hye said Kim's "mental state is spiraling out of control" and that his government has "fanatic recklessness."

South Korea's military also started talking publicly about its military capabilities, revealing it has retaliation plans involving precision-strike missiles and special operations forces for direct attacks on the North's leadership in the case of a North Korean nuclear attack.

Yonhap, citing an unidentified military source, said Sunday that the plan would turn areas in Pyongyang, where the North's war commanders were likely to hide, into ashes and "eliminate those places from the map permanently." South Korea's Defense Ministry said it would not comment on the report.

Duterte: Indonesia can chase pirates into PH waters

JAKARTA, Indonesia (AP)—Philippine President Rodrigo Duterte gave Indonesian forces the right to pursue pirates into Philippine waters, saying piracy is one of the main problems between the two countries.

Duterte, who is visiting Jakarta, discussed piracy and other security issues on Friday with Indonesian President Joko "Jokowi" Widodo.

He said he was sorry that even shipments of coal from

Indonesia destined for Philippine power plants are being affected by piracy.

If Indonesian forces are chasing pirates and they enter Philippine waters, "they can go ahead and blast them off," Duterte said. "That's my word actually with Widodo. I said, 'blow them up.'"

He added, "But maybe if there are sharks around, then we can just feed them to the sharks."

Nine Indonesians are

among 16 foreign hostages currently being held by the Muslim extremist group Abu Sayyaf in the southern Philippines, where Muslim separatist rebellions have raged for decades.

In May, Indonesia, Malaysia and the Philippines agreed to carry out coordinated patrols following a series of kidnappings and piracy attacks that undermined commerce in the Celebes Sea, where their sea borders overlap.

ASIAN BRIEFS

23 dead in explosion and fire at Bangladesh factory

NEW DELHI (AP)—A boiler exploded and triggered a fire at a packaging factory near Bangladesh's capital on Saturday, killing at least 23 workers and injuring dozens, officials said. Fire officials said that the explosion at the five-story Tampaco Foils Ltd. factory in the Tongi industrial area outside Dhaka was huge, and that the fire triggered by the blast spread quickly because flammable chemicals were stored at the factory. At least six of the 14 people being treated for burns at Dhaka Medical College and Hospital were in critical condition, said Mohammed Bacchu Mia, a police official at the hospital. He confirmed that at least 23 people had died. Local TV stations said about 50 people were injured in all. Television footage showed smoke

billowing from the factory, with the fire engulfing part of the upper floors.

Taiwan says bus driver in July crash killing 26 was suicidal

TAOYUAN, Taiwan (AP)—Taiwanese prosecutors have closed their investigation into a July bus crash that killed all 26 people on board, including 23 Chinese tourists, saying the driver was suicidal. Taiwan's Central News Agency reported Saturday that authorities could not find an electrical problem or other cause for the bus catching fire. Prosecutors said the driver of the bus had planned to kill himself, purchasing gasoline to pour inside the bus and drinking before the crash. Including a Chinese tour guide, 24 of the people on the bus were visiting Taiwan from China's Liaoning province. It was the deadliest single incident involving Chinese tourists since

Taiwan began admitting mainland visitors in 2008.

Man charged with terrorism after stabbing in Sydney

SYDNEY (AP)—A man charged with committing a terrorist act and attempted murder after allegedly stabbing a man in Sydney was inspired by the Islamic State group, police said Sunday. Wayne Greenhalgh, 59, was stabbed several times while walking through a park in suburban Minto in southwest Sydney on Saturday afternoon and is in critical condition, police said in a statement. The suspect, Ihsan Khan, 22, also attempted to stab a police officer before he was arrested, police said. He was charged Sunday and faces a potential life prison sentence if convicted. Khan was refused bail in the Parramatta Bail Court and his case was adjourned until Wednesday. He did not enter pleas.

World

Syrian Rebels leery of cease-fire plan

BEIRUT (AP)—Rebel factions in Syria expressed deep reservations on Sunday about the terms of a U.S.-Russian deal that seeks to restart the peace process for the war-torn country, with the leader of at least one U.S.-backed rebel faction publicly calling the offer a "trap."

The second in command of the powerful, ultraconservative Ahrar al-Sham group condemned the superpower agreement as an effort to secure President Bashar Assad's government and drive rebel factions apart.

"A rebellious people who have fought and suffered for six years cannot accept half-solutions," said Ali al-Omar in a video statement.

But the commander and other rebel leaders stopped short of fully rejecting the agreement's interim cease-fire, which is slated to come into effect in stages beginning on Monday at sunset.

France warns of threats as boy arrested in feared attack

PARIS (AP)—French police have arrested a 15-year-old boy at his Paris home to thwart what they feared was a planned weekend attack, as the prime minister warned on Sunday some 15,000 people in the country could be in the process of being radicalized.

The arrest of the teenager on Saturday came two days after police moved in on what the Paris prosecutor says was a group of female "commandos" arrested after an aborted attack at Notre Dame Cathedral and another possible attack. Those arrested included a 15-year-old girl, the daughter of one



A Druze man watches fighting between forces loyal to Syrian President Bashar Assad and rebels in the Syrian village of Jubata al-Khashab as seen from the Israeli-controlled Golan Heights, Sunday, Sept. 11, 2016.

The deal hammered out between U.S. Secretary of State John Kerry and Russian Foreign Minister Sergey Lavrov in Geneva Saturday allows the Syrian government to continue to strike at al-Qaida-linked militants, until the U.S. and Russia take over the task in one week's time.

The arrangement has di-

vided rebel factions, who have depended on the might of the powerful al-Qaida-linked Jabhat Fatah al-Sham faction to resist government advances around the contested city of Aleppo.

Al-Omar said his group would "refuse the targeting of any faction of our blessed factions" and called on rebels to unify into a single front.

of three women arrested south of Paris.

A security official said Sunday that France's intelligence services "detected a threat" and a judicial official said police moved into action Saturday fearing a planned attack this weekend.

The officials weren't authorized to speak publicly about the arrest and asked not to be named. Both said the boy's arrest was not linked to the arrests last week of four women, the 15-year-old daughter of one of the women and a man. So far, one woman has been charged.

Intelligence agents sus-

pected the boy planned to carry out a knife attack in a public place this weekend, the judicial official said, refusing to name a spot where it was thought the attack might occur. The official said the teenager, born in December 2000, is 15—not 16 as officials previously said.

France is in a state of emergency after three attacks this year, including the Bastille Day truck attack in Nice that killed 86 people. That followed two waves of attacks last year, notably the Nov. 13 attacks on restaurants, bars, a concert hall and stadium that left 130 people dead.

Turkish warplanes kill 20 Islamic State group fighters

ISTANBUL (AP)—Turkey's military said Sunday that its warplanes killed 20 Islamic State group fighters in an attack on targets in northern Syria, while Turkey's president renewed a pledge to destroy the group.

Warplanes had struck three buildings identified as belonging to IS, the Chief of General Staff's office said in a statement.

A vehicle and motorcycle also were destroyed in the airstrike Saturday evening that came less than two days before a U.S.-Russia agreement on a cease-fire in Syria takes effect.

In separate airstrike Sunday, Turkish jets struck Kurd-

ish rebel targets in northern Iraq, killing 13 militants. The state-run Anadolu news agency cited a statement from the Chief of General Staff's office saying the militants were killed in three airstrikes that also took out weapons emplacements in Iraq's Qandil mountains and the Bazian and Avasheen regions.

President Recep Tayyip Erdogan reiterated his government's commitment to eliminating IS in Syria and the threat the group poses to Turkey.

Erdogan said in a televised message marking the Muslim holiday of Eid al-Adha that Turkey has a "primary duty" to its people to destroy IS and prevent it from staging

attacks in Turkey.

He added that the Turkish government is determined to end the "scourge" of the Kurdistan Workers' Party, or PKK, which renewed its 30-year insurgency for autonomy within Turkey after peace talks failed last year.

Last month, Turkey sent tanks across the Syrian border to help rebels retake Jarablus, a key IS-held border town, and to contain the expansion of a Syrian Kurdish militia.

Turkish jets have carried out several strikes against IS targets in Syria since the operation began. But clashes have also reportedly broken out between Turkish and Kurdish forces in the area.

Focus



AP
In this Tuesday, Sept. 6, 2016 photo, Jordan Wambeke, head brewer of the Carakale Brewery in Fuheis, Jordan, keeps an eye on the labeler machine in the brewery's bottling assembly line. The Jordanian microbrew is starting to export to the United States its signature blonde, Indian pale ale, and a coffee porter dosed with roasted cardamom.

Reviving old traditions, Arab beer brewers make their mark

FUHEIS, Jordan (AP)—It took gumption to pour millions of dollars into starting a brewery in an overwhelmingly Muslim country where many frown on consuming alcohol.

Jordanian beer pioneer Yazan Karadsheh is now taking his next risky step, sending a first shipment of his Carakale to the U.S., where it will compete with thousands of brands in a \$22 billion-a-year craft beer market.

The 32-year-old Karadsheh is part of a small but growing brotherhood of Arab brewers in the Levant who want to nurture local beer-drinking cultures and compete against the brews of large companies, some of them multi-nationals that dominate the region's beer market.

Carakale is the first craft beer in Jordan. The West Bank already has three independent breweries—well-established veteran Taybeh, newcomer Shepherds and tiny Wise Men's Choice, made in a basement near biblical Bethlehem. Lebanese brands include Colonel, made at a large brew pub in the coastal town of Batroun, and 961, named after the country's international dialing code. Small breweries also sprang up in Israel over the past decade.

It's a modest revival in a region where beer-brewing traditions go back to ancient Egypt and Mesopotamia, but lay dormant for centuries.

Demand is also up. Regional beer consumption increased by 44 percent over the past decade—though the close to



AP
In this Tuesday, Sept. 6, 2016 photo, Yazan Karadsheh, founder of the Carakale Brewery in Fuheis, Jordan, watches a machine fill beer bottles and cap them on an assembly line.

4 million hectoliters (105 million gallons) guzzled in nine Arab countries and Israel last year amount to a drop compared to U.S. consumption of 234 million hectoliters (6.1 billion gallons), according to industry figures and IWSR, an alcoholic drinks research company.

Karadsheh believes there's room for expansion.

"Obviously, they drink," Karadsheh, a member of Jordan's Christian minority, said of his compatriots. "Alcohol might be taboo, but you can find alcohol and buy alcohol easily in the market. Jordan is a very liberal place, compared to surrounding countries."

Karadsheh and other up-and-coming brewers—Shepherds founder Alaa Sayej in the West Bank and Colonel creator Jamil Haddad in Lebanon—stumbled onto their

career-changing passion by chance.

Karadsheh studied engineering in Boulder, Colorado, a decade ago, but then got a second degree in brewing. Sayej, 27, earned a master's degree in finance, but began brewing in his U.K. dorm room. Haddad, 33, quit a job in advertising to turn his long-time beer brewing hobby into a business.

In liberal, diverse Lebanon, getting a brewing license was a simple procedure unfettered by social taboos, said Haddad. By contrast, Karadsheh and Sayej battled red tape and religious backlash.

Sayej said officials in the Palestinian self-rule government initially rejected his label featuring the drawing of a shepherd, insisting it was a depiction of Jesus and thus blasphemous on a beer bottle.

Sayej, a Christian, said it took him three months to persuade the authorities otherwise.

There was also trouble in his home village of Bir Zeit, where he set up his brewery.

Once predominantly Christian, the village has a growing Muslim population. At a recent Bir Zeit heritage festival, Shepherds decided to remove its booth after a local Muslim preacher railed against the brewery at the local mosque, saying it's "haram," or religiously forbidden. Sayej said he withdrew because he didn't want to disrupt community relations, but that Shepherds later staged its own festival in Bir Zeit.

Karadsheh's initial land deal for his brewery fell through because the owner didn't want to be linked to alcohol production. Karadsheh found another plot near Fuheis, a predomi-

nantly Christian community close to Amman. During construction, a tile layer walked off the job, feeling it was wrong to work in a brewery.

Still, they managed to start brewing—Karadsheh in 2013, Haddad in 2014 and Sayej last year.

All three feel passionate about what goes into their different styles of beers, including seasonal brews for the summer and for Christmas, as well as staples like blond ale, wheat and stout beer.

Karadsheh and his onsite brewer, Jordan Wambeke, hope to break into the U.S. market with beers infused with distinctly Middle Eastern flavors, such as a coffee porter with a pinch of cardamom and a hint of date molasses.

"In general, people go to imports looking for something different, something they absolutely can't get locally, and something that is going to last the trip overseas," said Wambeke, 28, who is from Cody, Wyoming, and joined Carakale six months ago.

The first shipment of about 7,000 liters is to leave the Fuheis brewery in the coming weeks for a warehouse in New Jersey, for further distribution along the East Coast, said Karadsheh.

Carakale will be competing with products from more than 4,500 craft beer breweries in the U.S., where two more microbreweries open each day, said Bart Watson, chief economist at the Brewers As-

sociation, which represents independent brewers.

Watson said it's a challenge to break into the competitive U.S. beer market, worth more than \$100 billion a year, but that consumption of craft beers and imports is growing. "Any company that can differentiate itself and offer something new has an opportunity," he said.

Sayej, who teamed up with younger brothers Khalid and Aziz—the company slogan is "brewed by brothers for friends"—also hopes to export. He said he has pre-orders from Italy, the U.K., Sweden, Belgium and the U.S., but is waiting to install pasteurization equipment this fall. Pasteurization helps beer survive a long journey, he said.

Sayej banks on the beer's origins for his marketing strategy.

"We have the best ingredient in the world to distinguish us," he said jokingly. "It's Holy Land water."

Veteran brewer Nadim Khoury, who launched Taybeh beer in the West Bank in 1994 and now makes 600,000 liters a year, takes pride in being the first to put Palestinians on the global beer map.

"We don't have a country," Khoury said of decades of failed efforts to set up a Palestinian state. "But we have our own beer."

Karadsheh wants the same for Jordan—to "create the first internationally recognized Jordanian beer."

Overdrive



In this Sept. 29, 2015, file photo, the Tesla Model X car is unveiled at the company's headquarters in Fremont, Calif.

AP

Tesla CEO Elon Musk says the electric car company is making major improvements to the Autopilot system used by its vehicles, which will dramatically reduce the number and severity of crashes in which they are involved.

Sunday's news comes in the wake of a May crash involving a Tesla Model S that was using the semi-autonomous mode at the time. The driver died after crashing into a tractor-trailer.

On a conference call with reporters, Musk said he thinks that the improvements, which will roll out globally in the

next week or two in the form of a software update, probably would have prevented that crash.

The National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, which is investigating the crash, said Sunday that Tesla has provided it with information about the changes to Autopilot, which it will review. It declined to provide an update on its Tesla investigation.

Musk called the upgrades a "massive enhancement," but he said that Tesla cars are already the safest on the road.

"It's not about going from bad to good," Musk said on the call. "Things are already



In this Tuesday, Sept. 29, 2015, file photo, Elon Musk, CEO of Tesla Motors Inc., talks during a news conference at the company's headquarters in Fremont, Calif.

good. I think it's about going from good to great."

While he acknowledged that there's no such thing as perfect security, he predicted that the improvements will cut the accident rate for Tesla vehicles by more than half.

Tesla's Autopilot system can maintain a set speed, keep the car within its lane and brake automatically. Radar, which was added to all Tesla vehicles starting in October 2014, currently helps the car see things that may be blocked to cameras in bright sunlight or bad weather.

The improvements announced Sunday call for Auto-

pilot to rely more on radar and less on vehicle cameras. As part of that shift, the radar will use more advanced signal processing to create a better picture of the surrounding world.

Musk said that he has wanted to make these kinds of improvements to Autopilot since last year, but he was told it couldn't be done for various technical reasons.

"We really pushed hard on questioning all of those assumptions over the past few months," he said. "It was just a very hard problem. Nobody else could solve this."

According to Tesla, one of the biggest challenges was

the need to eliminate false positives. While slamming on the brakes is crucial if a driver is about to hit another vehicle, it isn't if they're about to hit something smaller, like garbage in the road. And these kinds of stops always have the potential to cause injury, making a false positive potentially dangerous.

But Musk said the company was eventually able to solve that problem through software improvements. He added that he expects the radar system to continue to improve over the next several months, as the company collects more data and makes changes. (AP)

Under the Hood: Taking your truck's temperature

By BRAD BERGHOLDT
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Q My father, who is no longer driving, recently gave me his 1990 Ford F-250 4x4. It's a nice old truck but its big engine sure does go through gasoline quickly.

My real concern, though, is how hot it gets.

Most days, I can climb steep hills in hot weather without a problem. But once in awhile, the temperature gauge goes wild and tops out. This happens, by the way, when I'm going downhill.

The oil pressure gauge reads the same regardless of temperature or speed.

I've never seen anything like this. Any ideas? It doesn't happen often enough that I'd be able to show my mechanic.

— Bob C.

A These trucks are practically indestructible. Their only downside, as you rightly pointed out, is their thirst for fuel.

To address the issue you've described, I'd recommend purchasing a noncontact infrared thermometer. It's an inexpensive (about \$30) tool shaped like a small pistol that will help you here and in countless other scenarios. You simply point it at a nearby object, and it'll tell you the object's temperature. The tool is also great for checking

brake and bearing temperature, radiator effectiveness, and all kinds of things around the house and garage.

To tackle this problem, start by using the tool to take your engine's temperature—once after a normal drive, then again after a more strenuous outing. For an accurate reading, point the tool at the thermostat housing, which is located at the top and front of the engine, close to where the upper radiator house connects.

You'll probably see a reading of 195 degrees after the light-and-easy drive and then around 220-230 degrees after the steep, tough climb.

Have the infrared tool ready to go, so that the next time you see the gauge start-

ing to climb, you can stop and take a reading. If the engine's temperature is 250-260 degrees, it's truly overheating.

If that's indeed the case, the most likely cause, given engine temperature seems normal under typical driving conditions, is a sticking thermostat, which is an easy fix. These devices are designed to close when driving downhill but then sometimes fail to open when engine demand increases.

If, by using the infrared tool, you're able to determine the truck's engine temperature is normal and that it's simply the gauge that's reading hot, there's either a fault in the temperature sending unit (located right next to the

thermostat housing), or, more likely, an instrumental panel connection fault.

Try giving the top of the instrument panel a hard smack to see if the gauge returns to normal.

Also, keep an eye on the fuel gauge. If it's rising as the temperature gauge climbs, that's another indication of an instrument panel fault.

It's unlikely the wire leading from the instrument panel to the sending unit is faulty, as a bad connection there would result in the gauge reading cold. Conversely, a short-to-ground situation would result in an instant hot reading. Removing the instrument panel to check the terminal fittings and the condition of the gauge

and its related connectors might be necessary.

Your oil pressure gauge's listlessness is a result of Ford taking the cheap route and using a yes-no oil pressure switch to drive the gauge rather than a variable resistance sender. Under this setup, adequate oil pressure results in a middle-of-the-road gauge reading, while inadequate pressure causes the reading to drop to zero. It's like an idiot light, but with a needle.

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Life & Style

Miss Arkansas Savvy Shields named Miss America 2017

ATLANTIC CITY, N.J. (AP)—Miss Arkansas Savvy Shields won the Miss America pageant Sunday night in Atlantic City.

She topped a field of 52 contestants to win the crown and the title of Miss America 2017, succeeding the outgoing Miss America Betty Cantrell.

Shields performed a jazz dance to a song from the TV show “Smash,” for which she won a preliminary competition earlier in the week.

During the onstage interview portion of the competition, she was asked what she thought of Democratic presidential nominee Hillary Clinton, one of several political questions asked of the contestants.

“Both of the contestants have done a good job, but they also need to watch what they’re doing,” she said.



The outgoing Miss America, Betty Cantrell, back, crowns the winner Miss Arkansas Savvy Shields, as Lynn Weidner, right assists during the Miss America 2017 pageant, Sunday, Sept. 11, 2016, in Atlantic City, N.J.

The runners-up were as follows: Fourth runner-up, Miss Mississippi Laura Lee Lewis; third runner-up, Miss Washington Alicia Cooper; second runner-up Miss New York Camille Sims; first runner up Miss South Carolina Rachel Wyatt.

The first openly gay contestant in the Miss America pageant was eliminated Sunday night when the top 15 finalists were chosen.

Miss Missouri Erin O’Flaherty was not among the top 15 picked to advance in the pageant during its nation-

ally televised finale.

She was the first openly gay contestant to win a state title.

Djuan Trent competed in the Miss America pageant as Miss Kentucky in 2011, when she finished in the top 10. She came out as a lesbian in 2014.

The top 15 finalists were: Kentucky; Washington; Massachusetts; Arkansas; South Carolina; Idaho; Iowa; Texas; California; Oklahoma; Maryland; New York; Tennessee; Louisiana, and Mississippi.

The pageant from Atlantic City’s Boardwalk Hall included contestants from all 50 states, the District of Columbia and Puerto Rico.

The pageant began in Atlantic City in 1921 as a way to extend the summer tourist season beyond Labor Day weekend.

Transgender actress Alexis Arquette has died at 47

LOS ANGELES (AP)—Alexis Arquette, the transgender character actress and sibling of actors David, Rosanna, Richmond and Patricia Arquette, died early Sunday morning in Los Angeles. She was 47 and surrounded by family who serenaded her with David Bowie’s “Starman,” her siblings said in a statement Sunday.

“Alexis was a brilliant artist and painter, a singer, an entertainer and an actor,” her brothers and sisters said. “We learned what real bravery is through watching her journey of living as a trans woman. We came to discover the one



Arquette

truth—that love is everything.”

Alexis was born Robert Arquette in Los Angeles in 1969, and she was a performer from a young age, appearing in a music video for The Tubes’ “She’s a Beauty” at age 12 and the occasional other project.

A versatile performer, Arquette got her big break in the 1989 adaptation of “Last Exit to Brooklyn” where she played the trans sex worker Georgette. She was just visiting New York with her sister

Patricia Arquette who was up for a role in the film, but pregnant at the time.

“They asked me if I wanted to read for a role because they knew that I’d done a drag thing at one of my friend’s clubs,” Arquette said in a 1999 Index Magazine interview. “I ended up getting the job, basically through my sister. If it wasn’t for her, I wouldn’t have been in New York. But nobody gives you a job, you’ve got to earn it on your own. I would never want anyone to think that

there’s some kind of cachet to my name.”

She also had bit roles in films like “Pulp Fiction,” “Bride of Chucky” and as a Boy George impersonator first in the Adam Sandler comedy “The Wedding Singer” and again in “Blended.”

Boy George even tweeted his condolences to “his sister Alexis ... another bright light gone out far too soon.”

Her long list of credits are comprised of mostly low-budget and independent fare. Arquette also performed in nightclubs and cabarets sometimes under the name Eva Destruction.

Adult audiences drive ‘Sully’s’ big \$35.5 million landing

LOS ANGELES (AP)—Adult audiences turned out in droves to take the plunge with “Sully,” director Clint Eastwood’s dramatization of the Miracle on the Hudson. The film took flight with \$35.5 million, according to studio estimates Sunday, surpassing expectations by around \$10 million.

Tom Hanks stars as Captain Chesley “Sully” Sullenberger, who made an emergency landing of US Airways Flight 1549 in the Hudson River in 2009, minutes after taking off. In addition to showing Sully’s feat, the film explores the little-known National Transportation Safety Board investigation of the landing.

Both audiences and critics responded strongly to the taut drama - Eastwood’s first since “American Sniper.” An estimated 80 percent of those who turned out this weekend were over the age of 35, too, according to Warner Bros.

“This is the kind of sophisticated drama that is the anti-

dote for older audiences to the youth-driven blockbuster stylings of the summer season,” said Paul Dergarabedian, senior media analyst for box office tracker comScore. “It proves that going to the movies is not just a youth-driven habit. Older audiences love to go to the movies as well, and ‘Sully’ is exactly the kind of movie that can bring them out.”

In fact, according to comScore’s PostTrak audience survey, 39 percent turned out because of Hanks. Dergarabedian said that for stars that number is normally in the single digits.

“The movie sells itself,” Warner Bros. distribution executive Jeff Goldstein said. “Clint Eastwood is the master of being understated ... he always wants the film to speak for itself, and it did.”

Goldstein was also struck by how well the film, despite its hyper-local New York story, played in all areas of North America.

Dakota flute-maker, player earns nation’s highest folk honor

SIoux FALLS, S.D. (AP)—There was a time when Bryan Akipa knew nothing of flutes. But that was long ago, before the budding artist stumbled across a wooden mallard-head flute in the studio of his mentor, sparking a fascination that led to a career in both making and playing the distinctive Dakota flutes.

Now Akipa, a member of the Sisseton Wahpeton Oyate Tribe, is a recipient of the nation’s highest honor in the folk and traditional arts, the National Heritage Fellowship, which is awarded by the National Endowment for the Arts.

Akipa, who will be recognized later this month during a ceremony in Washington, told The Associated Press that he had to read up about the award when



he got the surprise call notifying him he had earned it.

“On Facebook, my daughter put it on her page, and I think she got the most likes. I put it on mine, but I got a few likes,” Akipa said. “Everyone congratulating me is really

special, especially since it’s for the traditional flute.”

Akipa, 59, carved his first flute in 1975 from red cedar using a pocketknife, without knowing that it would lead to a career in music. After taking a break to serve in the Army

This undated photo provided by Michael Wolforth shows Dakota flute maker and player Bryan Akipa in Rapid City, S.D.

and to finish college, Akipa became a teacher and began playing the flute for his students, as well as in different venues during the summer as a way to supplement his income. He produced his first CD in 1993, and he has since earned a Grammy nomination and won several Native American Music Awards.

Akipa stressed that every flute he sells is made entirely by hand. He said he sometimes even travels from his northeastern South Dakota community of Sisseton to northern Minnesota in search of wood.

1. “Sully,” \$35.5 million (\$9.5 million international).	7. “Pete’s Dragon,” \$2.9 million (\$2.2 million international).
2. “When the Bough Breaks,” \$15 million.	8. “Bad Moms,” \$2.8 million (\$3.7 million international).
3. “Don’t Breathe,” \$8.2 million (\$9 million international).	9. “Hell or High Water,” \$2.6 million (\$1.3 million international).
4. “Suicide Squad,” \$5.7 million (\$10.1 million international).	10. “Sausage Party,” \$2.3 million (\$4.2 million international).
5. “The Wild Life,” \$3.4 million.	
6. “Kubo and the Two Strings,” \$3.2 million	

Victoria Beckham show begins with moment of silence for 9/11

NEW YORK (AP)—The one sound you usually never hear at a fashion show, with its pounding music and high-decibel chatter, is silence. But just before the Victoria Beckham show on Sunday—at 10:28 a.m.—the room fell silent in observance of the 15th anniversary of 9/11.

The only sound was the clicking of cameras, as the designer's husband and oldest son—soccer great David Beckham, and Brooklyn Beckham—stood in remembrance, along with Vogue editor Anna Wintour.

Then came the fashion, with Beckham focusing this season on innovations in traditional fabrics like velvet, lace and satin. "I really feel I've come into my own with this season, I really do," Beckham said. "It's a lot about fabric development—I'm doing a lot of really exciting things in-house."

Specifically, the collection was about "taking tradi-

tional fabrics ... and washing them, and crushing them, and pleating them, and smocking them—to really make them feel new and fresh," Beckham told reporters backstage. Especially prominent was velvet—a particularly light version of a fabric most people associate with the colder winter months.

Beckham said she had also experimented with new colors like a bright peppermint and a bold orange. Also new: a lightweight summer boot. "I can't remember the last time I saw a boot that was light, that looked cool and new and fresh," she said. "I'm really excited to wear that boot."

Many of the ensembles Beckham sent down the runway came with their own matching fabric handbags. A number of the outfits also featured bra tops, a new element that she said gave a very feminine flavor to the collection. Knit dresses also featured bra tops peeking out from underneath.



The Victoria Beckham Spring 2017 collection is modeled during Fashion Week in New York, Sunday, Sept. 11, 2016.

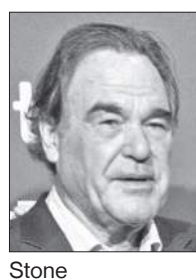
But enough about the clothes. Will Beckham be dressing the new British prime minister, Theresa May, one reporter asked? "We'll see," she said coyly, implying that she had at least thought about

it. "She has a great body and she likes dresses that are quite fitted," Beckham said. "So I think there's lots in the collection that she would like."

Inevitably the same question was asked about Hillary Clinton. "Oh, I would love to dress her!" Beckham replied, adding that she had some trousers in the collection that she thought the Democratic presidential nominee might like.

Director Oliver Stone to discuss 'Snowden' at Harvard school

CAMBRIDGE, Mass. (AP)—Academy Award-winning director Oliver Stone will talk about his new film, "Snowden," at the Harvard Kennedy School.



Stone

The movie is set to be released in theaters Friday. It stars Joseph Gordon-Levitt as former CIA employee Edward Snowden, who in 2013 leaked classified information from the National Security Agency to the media,

revealing global surveillance programs. He then fled to Russia, where he got asylum.

Stone is set to talk about the film Monday evening with Pulitzer Prize-winning journalist

and author Ron Suskind.

The event is organized by the John F. Kennedy Forum at the Institute of Politics, which regularly hosts leaders in politics, media and business.

Parker, cast argue for 'Birth of a Nation' despite scandal

TORONTO (AP)—In a carefully stage-managed press conference at the Toronto International Film Festival, Nate Parker and the cast of his Nat Turner slave revolt drama "The Birth of a Nation" argued for focusing on their film and not on the years-old rape allegation against Parker that has enveloped the film in a scandal from his past.

Parker was facing a roomful of press for the first time since

the details of a 1999 rape allegation against Parker surfaced. But Parker used the opportunity not to address questions over the case, but to deflect them. Though Parker directed, wrote, produced and stars as Turner in the film, he urged "The Birth of a Nation" to be viewed outside of himself.

"I've addressed it and I'm sure in different forums I'll address it more. The reality is

no one person makes a film," said Parker, noting that hundreds worked on the film. "I would encourage everyone to remember, personal life aside, I'm just one person."

Parker bounded cheerfully into the press conference, exclaiming "Good morning!" and taking a seat at the end of a long table of cast members. The much-watched event was orchestrated to take the spotlight off Parker's past. A ques-

tion wasn't taken from the media until about 40 minutes in. It was nearly an hour in that Parker took a question directly about the incident.

When he did, Parker declined to address whether he should have apologized to the now deceased rape victim's family. He also didn't address a question about whether he feels he's been more scrutinized than others in Hollywood.

Stage adaption of 'Cheers' TV shows opening in Boston

BOSTON (AP)—A stage adaptation of the popular television show "Cheers" is kicking off a national tour in the city where it was set.

"Cheers on Stage" officially opens Monday at the Citi Per-

forming Arts Center Shubert Theatre in Boston. It will hit the road for 11 shows through Sept. 18.

The play is based on some of the most memorable moments of the celebrated TV

show's first season. It features retired Red Sox pitcher and shameless lothario Sam Malone, pretentious waitress Diane Chambers, rotund barfly Norm Peterson and the rest of the regulars.

Some lucky members of the audience will be invited on stage to act as bar patrons.

The television series ran for 11 seasons from 1982 until 1993 and won 28 Emmys and six Golden Globes.

Couple fallen out of love should fall out of marriage

DEAR ABBY: Is it possible that people can just fall out of love with each other? We have been married for 21 years and have three kids who are older. Over the last five years, my wife and I have stopped communicating. We don't do anything together and have little desire to be with each other anymore.

We are good parents, but as far as being husband and wife, we have pretty much neglected each other emotionally and physically. Neither of us has strayed.

We haven't been to a marriage counselor because I just don't love my wife anymore, and I'm not saying this to be mean. It's just how I feel. We have failed each other miserably as husband and wife, and she deserves better. She has been a great mom to our three kids, and I would never take that away from her.

Can people stay in a loveless marriage? We have talked it over, and we both agree there's nothing left here for each other. I have already told her she needs to do whatever it takes to make herself happy because I can no longer be here for her emotionally or physically.

FELL OUT OF LOVE

DEAR FELL OUT OF LOVE: People sometimes remain in loveless marriages for religious or financial reasons, be-

cause they are afraid a divorce would traumatize the children, or because they are afraid of being alone. If you and your wife agree that there is nothing left for either of you, and marriage counseling won't fix the dysfunction in your relationship, then the logical next step would be an amicable separation or divorce.

DEAR ABBY: I have the most amazing husband. He helps with the housework, provides for us and loves me unconditionally. Not a day goes by that I don't hear how precious I am to him. It's like a fairy tale. Except—we never had a formal wedding, just a courthouse ceremony with nobody there but us two. You see, we had to get the paperwork done so I wouldn't have to keep renewing my visa status every few months.

Now we can be together in the U.S. with no issues. But I feel like we skipped an important life milestone, and a wedding would be the perfect opportunity to unite both of our families from around the world.

The problem is my husband is happy with the way things are. He refuses to spend money on a party and says, "If we ever have one, it will be when we are rich, stable, and able to afford it by ourselves." (My parents are more than willing to pay!) I feel like a lifelong dream was taken away from me.

DEAR ABBY

By ABIGAIL VAN BUREN
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Your thoughts?

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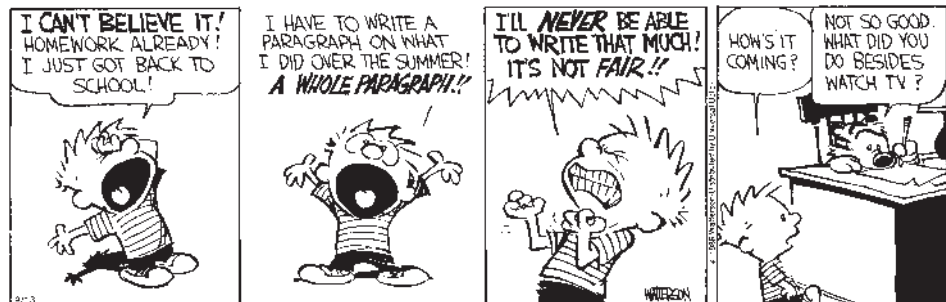
DEAR MISSING OUT: My thoughts are you have a stellar husband AND your visa problem is solved. I'd say you have done quite well. If your husband prefers to postpone the fancy celebration until you are more financially stable and foot the bill himself, you should respect him for it. I know I do.

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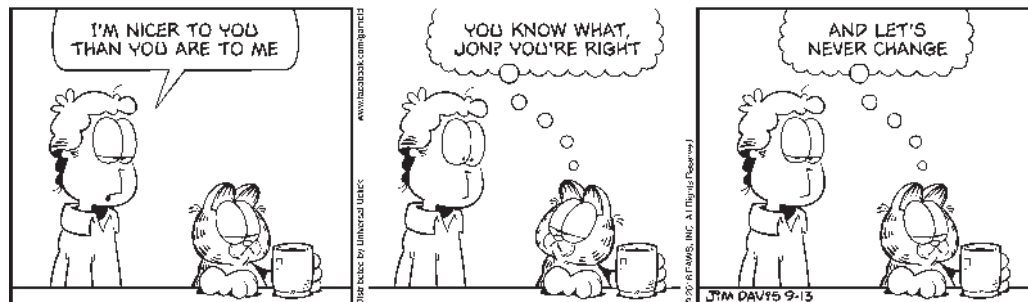
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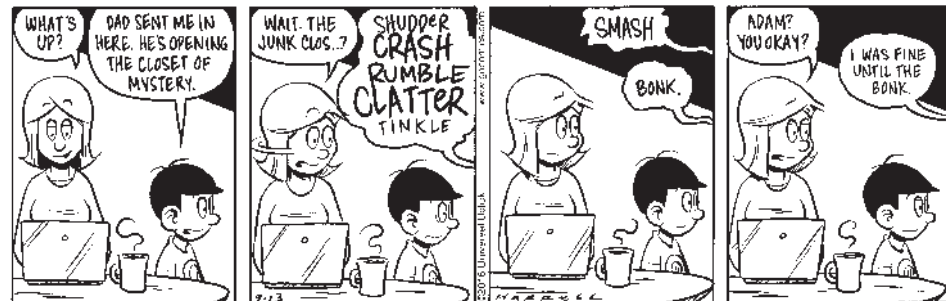
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Yesterday's answer 9-6

CELEBRITIES BORN ON THIS DAY: Pippa Middleton, 33; Greg Rusedski, 43; Rosie Perez, 52; Swoosie Kurtz, 72.

Happy Birthday: Look at the big picture and set goals according to what you want to see happen over the course of the upcoming year. Face any problems head-on to ensure that you have clear passage to finish what you start with detail and precision. No matter what you decide to do, the initial setup will be what counts. Your numbers are 9, 17, 21, 26, 32, 43, 49.

ARIES (March 21-April 19): A partnership will take a turn that could result in an important development. Follow your heart and be ready for an adventure. The changes will have a remarkable impact on your life. Embrace the opportunity to start something new. ***

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): Use your imagination when looking for solutions or dealing with problems that crop up. Your ability to see different sides of an issue will help you come up with answers that will please others. Business trips are favored. ***

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): Do your best to get along with the people you encounter, but not at the expense of doing something that may jeopardize your position or your health. Put greater emphasis on self-improvement and taking care of important relationships. ***

CANCER (June 21-July 22): Speak up and collaborate with the people you feel have something to contribute. Socialize, network and offer solutions about the causes you feel strongly about. A unique position will

interest you and your children will play a role in a decision you make. *****

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): Someone from your past will cause an emotional situation to escalate. Don't try to evade issues if you want to avoid a backlash. Work on self-improvement and offering your very best to those who need you the most. **

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Remain cautious when dealing with people who are likely to take advantage of your knowledge or skills. Take time out of your busy schedule to show interest in what your friends and family members are up to. *****

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Plan a vacation or a family gathering. Interacting with people from different walks of life will broaden your perspective. Don't be angered by those who fudge the truth. Instead, you can avoid doing business with them. Choose your associates wisely. ***

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Take part in protests, fundraisers or anything that addresses issues you care about. Participating is the only way to bring about change. Your contribution will be appreciated, and the connections you make will last a lifetime. ***

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Stick close to home and avoid unnecessary conversations with people who don't share your opinion. Arguing will be tiresome and could take away time and energy from the projects you want to accomplish. Home improvements will help you expand your interests. ***

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CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Don't let the changes others make influence you. Stick to your own agenda and only collaborate with those who have as much to offer as you do. Charity begins at home, so don't overlook where you can make the biggest impact. *****

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): There will be a fine line between fiction and truth. Take your time and make an honest assessment of whatever you hear before you take action. It's best to concentrate on personal growth, not on what others think or do. **

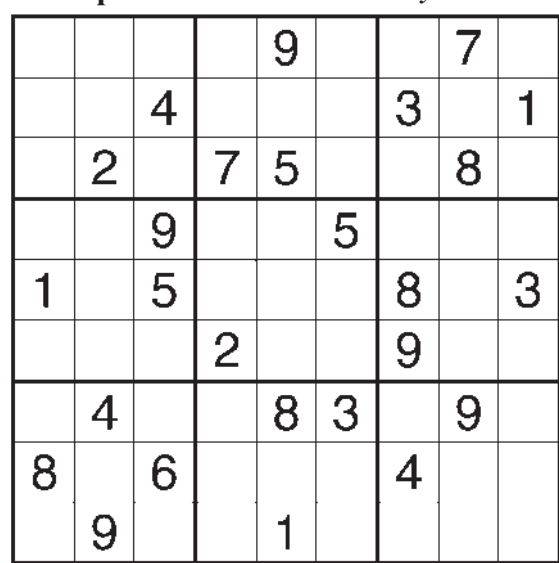
PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): Look into an investment that allows you to use your skills and put time and money into something you love doing. Refuse to let someone's doubts hold you back or stifle your plans. Your insight will help you gain ground. *****
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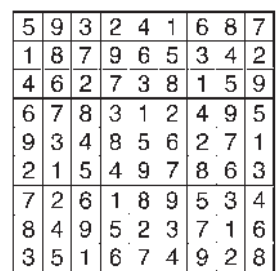


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Yesterday's SUDOKU Answer



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Wawrinka wears down Djokovic for first US Open title

NEW YORK (AP)—Mere minutes before heading out to face Novak Djokovic in the U.S. Open final, Stan Wawrinka met in the locker room with his coach and felt as nervous as he ever had. Wawrinka was shaking. Started to cry, even.

Why?

"I don't want to lose the final in a Grand Slam, that simple. That's the only reason," he explained later. "The feeling of: You don't want to lose. I don't want to come to the court and lose a final. So close, so far."

Once he was on the court, and got over some shaky play at the very start, Wawrinka's game and mindset were strong as can be, as they always seems to be these days when the stakes are highest. Repeatedly pointing his right index finger to his temple, the gesture he uses when showing his mettle, Wawrinka surprisingly wore down No. 1 Djokovic and beat the defending champion 6-7 (1), 6-4, 7-5, 6-3 for his first U.S. Open title and third Grand Slam trophy overall.

"He was the better player. He was tougher mentally," said Djokovic, offering two of the highest compliments a tennis player can receive from the talented Serb. "He knew what to do."

The 31-year-old Wawrinka is the oldest U.S. Open men's champion since Ken Rosewall was 35 in 1970. He entered Sunday having spent almost exactly twice as much time on court during the tournament - about 18 hours vs. about 9 hours - as Djokovic, who benefited from injuries to three opponents that withdrew be-



AP
Stan Wawrinka of Switzerland reacts after winning a game against Novak Djokovic of Serbia during the men's singles final of the U.S. Open tennis tournament, Sunday, Sept. 11, 2016, in New York.

fore or during matches.

"Honestly, after the match, I was completely empty," the third-seeded Wawrinka said. "I put everything on the court. Not only today, but the past two weeks."

By breaking in the final game of the second and third sets, and by saving 14 of 17 break points he faced, Wawrinka already had gained the upper hand by the time Djokovic clutched at his left leg and grimaced after missing a forehand while getting broken early in the fourth.

Djokovic was granted the unusual chance to have a medical timeout at a time other than a changeover. He removed both shoes and socks

so a trainer could help with bleeding toes. Wawrinka complained about the 6-minute break, and Djokovic looked over and apologized. Later, Djokovic started limping and received more treatment.

"We played almost 4 hours," said Djokovic, "and I think I can speak in the name of Stan, as well: We both felt it."

Wawrinka has won only five of 24 career meetings against Djokovic, but has now beaten the 12-time major champion on the way to each of his own Grand Slam titles, including in the 2014 Australian Open quarterfinals and 2015 French Open final.

Before this matchup, Djokovic praised Wawrinka as "a big-match player," and, boy, is he ever. Wasn't always, though: Playing in the shadow of his far more-accomplished Swiss countryman and good pal, Roger Federer, Wawrinka needed until his 35th appearance at a major, at age 28, just to get to the semifinals for the first time.

But look at Wawrinka now. He has won 11 consecutive tournament finals.

He is 3-0 in Grand Slam finals, beating the No. 1-ranked player each time. Take that trio of highest-stakes matches out of the equation, and Wawrinka is 0-19 in all other

matches against the top man.

And he did it Sunday by coming back against Djokovic, whose French Open title in June completed a career Grand Slam and made him only the third man—and first in nearly a half-century—to win four consecutive major tournaments.

Djokovic had been 51-0 in U.S. Open matches when taking the first set. This time, though, the thick-chested Wawrinka eventually began bullying Djokovic from the baseline, not only with his best-in-the-game one-handed backhand, but off both wings.

"He likes to occasionally whack the ball quite hard, and I don't think that Novak likes that," said Wawrinka's coach,

Magnus Norman. "Stan is maybe one of the few guys who can really hit through Novak if he has a good day."

As Wawrinka placed one stinging shot after another right on a line, Djokovic looked up at coach Boris Becker while gesticulating with his hands and muttering. He went from appearing locked-in at the outset to completely drained in every way.

On one point, Wawrinka delivered a shot so hard it knocked the racket from Djokovic's grasp and against a wall behind the baseline.

After smacking a forehand winner to end a 20-stroke exchange near the end of the second set, Wawrinka pointed to his temple. Did it again after a forehand passing shot drew an errant volley for a break early in the third.

And so on.

Wawrinka nearly was gone before the end of the U.S. Open's first week, one point from losing in the third round against 64th-ranked Dan Evans. Sunday's victory made Wawrinka the first man to win the tournament after saving a match point since—yes, that's right—Djokovic in 2011.

"You're a great champion, a great person. Because of you, I am where I am today," Wawrinka told Djokovic, a close friend, afterward. "We know each other (for) many, many years, and I had the chance to practice many times with him and to play him on a big stage."

With that Djokovic, threw his left arm around Wawrinka's shoulders, knowing which of the two was more up to the task on this day.



TORONTO
(AP)—David Ortiz hit a

three-run homer in the sixth inning, Jackie Bradley Jr. and Hanley Ramirez also connected, and the Boston Red Sox outslugged Toronto 11-8 Sunday, reclaiming a two-game lead over the Blue Jays in the AL East.

Ortiz put Boston up 10-8 with a drive off Joaquin Benoit. It was his 41st career home run at Rogers Centre, his highest total at any road stadium.

With his 535th career homer, Ortiz moved past Jimmie Foxx into sole possession of 18th place on baseball's career list. He also increased his RBI total to 110, the most by a player age 40 or above since Dave Winfield had 108 for Toronto in 1992.

Cubs 9, Astros 5

In Houston, Jorge Soler and Addison Russell homered to lead Chicago past Houston, moving the Cubs closer to clinching the NL Central.

Red Sox reclaim AL East lead from Blue Jays

Soler hit a solo home run as part of Chicago's four-run third, and Russell hit a two-run shot—his 20th of the season—in the fourth as the Cubs built a 9-0 lead.

Orioles 3, Tigers 1

In Detroit, Chris Tillman pitched six impressive innings in his return from the disabled list, leading the Orioles to the win.

Michael Bourn and Jonathan Schoop homered off Justin Verlander (14-8) as Baltimore moved into a tie with Toronto for second in the AL East and the top spot in the wild-card standings.

Giants 5, Diamondbacks 3

In Phoenix, Matt Moore struck out 11 in seven innings and Hunter Pence hit a key two-run double, helping San Francisco to the series sweep.

The Giants pulled within three games of NL West-lead-

ing Los Angeles, which lost 3-0 at Miami. San Francisco leads the wild-card standings.

Rays 4, Yankees 2

In New York, Corey Dickerson hit a two-run homer, Matt Andriese won for the first time since June and the Rays stopped the Yankees' seven-game winning streak.

Logan Forsythe and Brad Miller also went deep for the last-place Rays, who had lost three straight and six of seven.

Royals 2, White Sox 0

In Chicago, Ian Kennedy and three relievers combined on a two-hitter, helping the Royals beat Chris Sale and the White Sox.

Kendrys Morales homered on Sale's first pitch of the second and Eric Hosmer did the same in the fourth.

Mets 10, Braves 3

In Atlanta, Yoenis Cespedes hit a grand slam for New

York, and Seth Lugo won his fourth straight start.

The Mets have won seven of eight and are 16-5 since Aug. 20. They moved back into position for the second NL wild card, a half-game ahead of the Cardinals.

Brewers 2, Cardinals 1

In St. Louis, Ryan Braun hit a tiebreaking homer in the ninth inning, and the Brewers dropped the Cardinals back in the NL wild-card race.

The Cardinals are a half-game behind the Mets for the second wild card.

Marlins 3, Dodgers 0

In Miami, Jose Urena pitched 8 2/3 innings of four-hit ball, leading Miami to the win.

Christian Yelich had two hits and drove in a run for the Marlins, who have won three of four. Justin Bour also drove in a run.

Nationals 3, Phillies 2

In Washington, Gio Gonzalez

pitched seven sharp innings for NL East-leading Washington, and Anthony Rendon doubled home the tiebreaking run.

Gonzalez (11-9) gave up one run and four hits, bouncing back nicely from a rough outing against Atlanta in his last start.

Indians 7, Twins 1

In Minneapolis, Cleveland ace Corey Kluber struck out 10 in seven innings, and Carlos Santana hit a three-run homer.

Kluber (16-9) gave up an unearned run and four hits while passing the 200-strikeout mark for the third straight season.

Reds 8, Pirates 0

In Pittsburgh, Tyler Holt and Brandon Phillips had three hits apiece, leading Brandon Finnegan and the Reds to the victory.

Holt drove in three runs and Phillips scored three times as last-place Cincinnati (60-82)

closed the four-game set with three straight wins.

Angels 3, Rangers 2

In Anaheim, Andrelton Simmons hit two solo home runs, sending Jered Weaver and the Angels to the win.

Simmons began the day with only one homer this season. Yunel Escobar hit a lead-off drive in the first inning for the Angels.

Mariners 3, Athletics 2

In Oakland, Ketel Marte hit a tiebreaking single in the ninth inning, helping Seattle to its fifth straight win.

The Mariners are 3 1/2 games back in the AL wild-card race.

Rockies 3, Padres 2, 10 innings

In San Diego, Mark Reynolds homered leading off the 10th inning and the Rockies salvaged a split of a four-game series.

Charlie Blackmon also homered for the Rockies, his 25th, and hit an RBI single.

Garoppolo helps depleted Patriots beat Cardinals



GLENDAL, Ariz. (AP)—Jimmy Garoppolo, starting in place of suspended Tom Brady, threw for 264 yards and a touchdown, leading the severely depleted New England Patriots to a 23-21 victory over the favored Arizona Cardinals on Sunday night.

Arizona's Chandler Catanzaro missed a 47-yard field goal with 41 seconds to play.

The miss came after Garoppolo, in his first NFL start, directed the Patriots from their own 19 to the Arizona 15 to set up Stephen Gostkowski's 23-yard field goal with 3:44 to play.

Garoppolo completed 24 of 33 passes with no interceptions. Arizona's Carson Palmer threw for 271 yards and two touchdowns, both to Larry Fitzgerald.

Not only were the Patriots without Brady, suspended for his role in "deflategate," but they also didn't have tight end Rob Gronkowski, defensive end Rob Ninkovich and two starters on the offensive line.

A remarkable 45-yard run by David Johnson set up a 2-yard, over-the-shoulder touchdown catch by Fitzgerald that gave the Cardinals their only lead of the night, 21-20, with 9:46 remaining.

Ex-Patriot Chandler Jones sacked Garoppolo on the first play of New England's next possession, but the young quarterback still set up the winning kick by Gostkowski, who also booted a 53-yarder.

A holding penalty hampered the final Arizona drive but a pass to Jaron Brown put the Cardinals within field-goal range. The snap was low and Catanzaro booted the ball to the left of the uprights.

Chiefs 33, Chargers 27

In Kansas City, Alex Smith dived for a touchdown on the first possession of overtime, completing Kansas City's frantic rally from a 17-point fourth-quarter deficit against San Diego.

Smith threw for 363 yards and two touchdowns, the second a back-shoulder fade to Jeremy Maclin with just over nine minutes left in the fourth quarter that trimmed the Chiefs' deficit to 27-17.

Raiders 35, Saints 34

In New Orleans, Oakland gambled with a 2-point conversion that Derek Carr converted with a pass to Michael Crabtree for the winning points with 47 seconds left.

Carr hit Seth Roberts for a 10-yard touchdown setting up the gutsy call by second-year Raiders coach Jack Del Rio.

Bengals 23, Jets 22

In East Rutherford, Mike Nugent kicked a 47-yard field goal with 54 seconds left, lifting the Bengals over the Jets.

Andy Dalton threw for 366 yards and a touchdown to A.J. Green, who caught 12 passes for 180 yards to help the Bengals beat the Jets for the first time in 10 meetings in New Jersey.

Eagles 29, Browns 10

In Philadelphia, Carson Wentz had 278 yards passing and two touchdowns in a stellar NFL debut and the Eagles beat Robert Griffin III and the Browns.

Promoted from No. 3 quarterback to starter just eight days ago, the No. 2 overall pick from North Dakota State looked like a franchise player. Wentz played mistake-free football despite



missing the last three pre-season games with injured ribs. He finished 22 of 37 with a 101.0 passer rating.

Buccaneers 31, Falcons 24

In Atlanta, Jameis Winston bounced back from an early interception to throw four touchdown passes, and Tampa Bay claimed a winning record for the first since 2012 by opening the season with a victory over the Falcons.

Winston began his second

year as a pro by going 23 of 33 for 281 yards, using just about every weapon at his disposal in the matchup between NFC South rivals. He hooked up with receiver Mike Evans, running back Charles Sims III and tight ends Austin Sefarian-Jenkins and Brandon Myers on scoring plays.

Vikings 25, Titans 16

In Nashville, Eric Kendricks returned an interception 77 yards for a touchdown late in the third quarter and Danielle

Hunter scored a 24-yard TD off a fumble return and the Vikings beat the Titans.

The Vikings wound up forcing three turnovers in the span of just under seven minutes and also had two sacks.

Packers 27, Jaguars 23

In Jacksonville, Aaron Rodgers threw two touchdown passes and ran for another score, leading the Packers to a victory against the Jaguars.

Rodgers looked every bit like, well, a two-time league

AP
New England Patriots quarterback Jimmy Garoppolo (10) is hit as he throws against Arizona Cardinals strong safety Tony Jefferson (22) during the first half of an NFL football game, Sunday, Sept. 11, 2016, in Glendale, Ariz.

MVP. He extended plays with his feet, escaped sacks and had precision accuracy all over the field.

Ravens 13, Bills 7

In Baltimore, the Ravens used a touchdown pass by Joe Flacco, two field goals and a throwback defensive performance to beat the Bills.

Against former defensive coordinator Rex Ryan, now Buffalo's head coach, the Ravens limited the Bills to 160 yards and sacked former teammate Tyrod Taylor twice.

Texans 23, Bears 14

In Houston, Brock Osweiler threw for 231 yards and two touchdowns in his debut with Houston to lead the Texans and their revamped offense win over the Bears.

Osweiler, who signed to a \$72 million contract from Denver in the offseason, was helped by an offense filled with playmakers.

Seahawks 12, Dolphins 10

In Seattle, hobbled by an ankle injury, Russell Wilson pulled off another fourth-quarter comeback, throwing a 2-yard touchdown pass to Doug Baldwin with 31 seconds left, giving the Seahawks a win over the Dolphins.

The expected contenders in the NFC looked flawed offensively and buckled defensively in the fourth quarter, giving up an 86-yard touchdown drive to Ryan Tannehill that gave the Dolphins a 10-6 lead with 4:08 remaining.

Giants 20, Cowboys 19

In Arlington, Eli Manning threw for three touchdowns, including the go-ahead score to Victor Cruz in his first game in nearly two years, and the Giants beat the Cowboys.

The Giants (1-0) won the debut of coach Ben McAdoo after 12 years and two Super Bowl titles under Tom Coughlin while spoiling the first game for Dallas' Dak Prescott and Ezekiel Elliott.

Lions 39, Colts 35

In Indianapolis, Matthew Stafford took advantage of one last chance Sunday and Matt Prater redeemed himself with a 43-yard field goal with 8 seconds to give the Lions a victory.

Prater missed an extra point wide right with 4:04 left in the season opener, a miscue that nearly cost the Lions.

CARMEL, Ind. (AP)—Dustin Johnson knows as well as anyone that no matter how good he is and how well he plays, something can always go wrong in golf.

Just not this week at the BMW Championship.

Not this year, really.

An awesome talent, Johnson is starting to pile up the victories to prove it. He ran off four birdies in a five-hole stretch to regain control Sunday, left Paul Casey feeling helpless by matching his eagle putt late in the round and sailed home to a 5-under 67 for a three-shot victory at Crooked Stick.

"Ran into a buzz saw," Casey said after a 67 to finish runner-up in a FedEx Cup playoff event for the second straight week. "That was something special the last two

Johnson polishes off dominant victory

days, and I did everything I could. So I'm holding my head up very high."

Johnson, though, it at another level right now.

Known for so many years as the guy who couldn't catch a break in the biggest events, he won for the third time in eight starts dating to his first major at the U.S. Open. And this might have been his most complete performance. Powerful off the tee, relentless with the putter, dialed with his wedges, there was no stopping him.

"I've got a lot of confidence in every part of my game," Johnson said.

He just doesn't have much to say about it, mainly because he doesn't need to.

Casey's last hope came on

BMW Championship



the par-5 15th when he rolled in a 25-foot eagle putt to get within one shot. That lasted as long as it took Johnson to line up his 18-foot eagle putt and pour it in to restore his three-shot margin.

He finished at 23-under 265 and went over \$9 million in earnings for the year, along with taking the No. 1 seed in the FedEx Cup to the finale in two weeks at East Lake for the Tour Championship.

The consolation for Casey, along with \$1,836,000 for his two runner-up finishes, was the No. 5 seed at the Tour Championship in two weeks. That means he only has to

win at East Lake to capture the \$10 million bonus.

Rickie Fowler won't have any chance at all.

Fowler, who started the week at No. 22 in the FedEx Cup, closed with a 71 and finished 59th at Crooked Stick. He was bumped out of the top 10 by the smallest margin in the 10-year history of the FedEx Cup - 0.57 points behind Charl Schwartzel, who closed with a 64.

The timing is particularly bad for Fowler because Davis Love III makes three of his captain's picks for the Ryder Cup on Monday, with another one right after the Tour Championship. Fowler

won't have another chance to audition, though he might get picked on Monday, anyway.

Asked if he had done enough to be picked, Fowler said, "I would like to think so."

"I've done basically everything I can do as far as schedule and playing," said Fowler, who left the Olympics to play the following week on the PGA Tour. "It would have been nice to play better to make the pick a lot easier on him. But whether he has his mind made up or is still thinking, that's up to him."

Fowler's hopes came down to J.B. Holmes in a finish that had nothing to do with the trophy. Fowler would have made it to the Tour Championship if Holmes made either a birdie or a bogey. Holmes would have been eliminated with a bogey.

Donovan returns to LA Galaxy in 4-2 win over Orlando

CARSON, Calif. (AP)—Landon Donovan embraced his wife and cradled his young son for the first time after a soccer game, basking in the moment he craved when he ended his 21-month MLS retirement.

Donovan then handed off his son and ran straight to the LA Galaxy's locker room to get on a treadmill.

The most accomplished player in U.S. history truly realized the length of the challenge stretching before him after he returned to the Galaxy as a second-half substitute Sunday night, playing about 10 minutes in their dominant 4-2 victory over Orlando City.

"I'm so far away," the 34-year-old Donovan said. "I came into a game where both teams were exhausted, and I was the slowest player on the field. I need to get myself ready to compete in a real way. Bruce and the coaching staff need to know what when they put me in, it can mean something. So tonight worked out well, but I need to be able to contribute."

Donovan, the top scorer in the history of MLS and the U.S. men's national team, announced his comeback with the Galaxy three days earlier. He has committed to return for at least the rest of this season, which he hopes will end with



Los Angeles Galaxy's Landon Donovan, left, pressures Orlando City FC's Servando Carrasco during the second half of an MLS soccer match, Sunday, Sept. 11, 2016, in Carson, Calif. The Galaxy won, 4-2.

his record seventh MLS Cup championship.

Wearing a No. 26 jersey instead of his usual No. 10, he got a lengthy standing ovation from the StubHub Center crowd before entering in the 83rd minute of his first game since the 2014 MLS Cup final.

"I was excited, but it's just weird to be back in this role, because it's real," Donovan said. "It's really intense. The league, I think, has gotten

dramatically better since I've been gone. When I looked at Orlando's lineup, they have really, really good players all over the field. It's just amazing to see how this league has changed. There's no room to be not fit, not sharp. I'm got to be on it if I want to contribute."

His teammates were in fine form: Giovani Dos Santos scored two goals and Alan Gordon added another during a first-half barrage for the Galaxy (11-4-14), who took sole

possessions second place in the Western Conference with their second straight win. Captain Robbie Keane also scored as a second-half substitute while LA extended its unbeaten streak to five matches.

The Galaxy's bulging lead was the only reason Donovan got to play in his first game back.

"It's going to take a while," Galaxy coach Bruce Arena said. "We knew that. Probably no other circumstances would have allowed me to play him today, but I wanted him to get out there and reward the crowd for showing up and all, and it helps Landon see how far he has to go."

The Galaxy supporters began to sing for Donovan in the 70th minute after Keane's goal. When he took off his

warmup shirt to don the No. 26 jersey, Donovan got another ovation that grew to a crescendo when he checked in.

PSG, Arsenal in search of Champions League title

PARIS (A)—One is a veteran of nearly 20 years at his club, the other started his new job only months ago. Both share the same goal: delivering European glory with teams lacking a Champions League title.

Paris Saint-Germain coach Unai Emery and Arsenal manager Arsene Wenger are on opposite trajectories when the Champions League resumes for their teams on Tuesday at the Parc des Princes. It will be Emery's first Champions League game as PSG's coach, while Wenger is starting a 19th consecutive campaign in Europe's most prestigious competition.

On the Champions League opening day, five-time winners Barcelona hosts Celtic—a team it inflicted six goals on the last time they played in the group stage—and Bayern Munich takes on Russian newcomers Rostov.

Unlike his former great rival Alex Ferguson, who turned Manchester United into a European powerhouse, Wenger has not tasted Champions League success since

he was appointed Arsenal's manager 20 years ago. Despite qualifying for the lucrative tournament for an English record 19 consecutive seasons, Arsenal has never won Europe's biggest prize, losing to Barcelona in the 2006 final. The Gunners, who have won their last seven Champions League games in France, are looking to get beyond the last 16 for the first time since 2010.

Emery's record in the Champions League is quite disappointing compared to what he achieved with Sevilla in the Europa League. Emery, who replaced Laurent Blanc this summer, guided Sevilla to a third consecutive Europa League title last season but led his various teams to just eight Champions League wins in 25 games.

Arsenal, a team that has long had a heavy French influence, could be spearheaded by a France international for its trip to Paris with striker Olivier Giroud pushing for his first start of the season.

Basel hosts Ludogorets in Group A's other game.

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Lyka started things out for Matansa, as she posted all her goals in the first half, logging her first right in the opening minute of the match and the last two in the 28th and 30th minute. Borja then picked up where Lyka left off, as the former also earned goals in succession, scoring her first in the 48th

minute and the second in the 51st.

Matansa, which won the 2014 fall season before losing the championship to Shirley's in the shortened 2015 tournament, drew its three other goals from different players. Anela Duenas gave Matansa its sixth goal with her conversion in the 54th, while Janna Casarino also hit the board four minutes later. Angelica Sally capped Matansa's strong

season debut after scoring in the 66th minute.

Meanwhile, Kanoa FC, which drew a bye in the opening week, will have its first game of the season this Saturday when it takes on TanHoldings in the curtain-raiser at 1:30pm. In the second game at 3pm, there will be an early rematch between the frequent rivals for the division championship—Shirley's FC and Matansa.

ing respect for the game and their opponents.

"Way to go U14 NT and officials! So proud of you for being the great CNMI ambassadors and working so hard against strong opponents," NMIFA vice president Vickie Izuka said through an email sent to Angeles.

The Teen Ayuyus first played Guam and forced a 2-2 draw before bowing to Japan, 0-17. The CNMI bets were also shut down by another powerhouse team—South Korea—0-14, but closed out their assignment by scoring two more goals in a loss to Mongolia, 2-7.

"There are still big differences between the CNMI and Korea: size, strength, power, skills and speed. But I believe the boys learned a lot from this game, especially the first timers," the CNMI coach said.

For their last game, Ange-

les said the Teen Ayuyus hung tough in the first half and were aggressive both on offense and defense.

"The first half was 3-2. From a corner kick, the ball dropped in front of Sebastien and he just kicked it in to make our first goal. Kirt scored from a 30-yard free kick, it was low and to the left bottom of the goal. Mongolia's wall was in off position so Kirt took advantage and the Mongolia GK was not able to do anything," he said.

"Most of the boys cried after the game, the Mongolian players hugged and cheered them up. It was a great moment for both teams. I believe the boys cried because they gave everything for this game but not enough to win it. We still made history today (last Saturday) by scoring two goals against Mongolia," Angeles added.

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finally hand Saipan Apparel its debut win in the 12-team open division.

Earlier in regulation, Jun Rueda's basket forced the standoff, 73-73, while a split free throw from Jun Tabora sent the match into second overtime, 81-81.

In the second extension period, a triple from Mark Ferrer put MGNEL on top for the last time, 88-86, before Rangamar countered with his own basket from beyond the arc to steal the upper hand. MGNEL then faltered on its offensive set, while Rangamar made another bucket to give Saipan Apparel more breathing room. MGNEL, with the clock ticking, attempted from way downtown, hoping to bring the match to the third overtime, but Tabora missed the long heave, allowing Saipan Apparel to pull off the 3-point win.

Saipan Apparel still emerged victorious despite wasting double-digit leads in the first three periods. A 13-0 spurt in the first four minutes and spare of the game gave Saipan Apparel momentum. Syl Teregeyo had 5 points in

that scoring spree, while Justin Andrew and Rangamar added 4 points each.

A split free throw from Gerald Laguindam at the 5:13 mark of the first quarter ended MGNEL's drought, while successive baskets from Tabora and Ferrer brought the team within 6 going into the second canto, 11-17.

Teregeyo and Rangamar continued to hit their targets in the second period, while Ed Diaz made up for a so-so start, adding 7 in that period to bring Saipan Apparel's lead back to double figures at halftime, 44-31.

Despite falling behind by a baker's dozen at the break, MGNEL refused to wave the white flag and patiently worked its way back into the game. MGNEL trimmed the deficit to single digit by the end of the third, 51-59, behind the baskets of Tabora, Rueda, Ferrer, and Patrick Salalila. Rueda, who was scoreless in the first half, made only one basket in the fourth, but it was a big shot as it sent the match into the first overtime.

MGNEL could have stolen the match in regulation and first overtime had it made all its free throws. MGNEL went

5-for-10 from the stripe in the fourth period, while Saipan Apparel hit 2-for-4. In the first extension, Tabora muffed his first charity before drilling the game-tying second one.

Free throw woes nearly cost Saipan Apparel the win, too in second overtime, as it went 0-for-4 from the foul line. Fortunately, Rangamar knocked in key baskets to save the day for Saipan Apparel.

Rangamar had 20 points to lead Saipan Apparel, while Ferrer tallied a game-high 25 markers.

Meanwhile, games in the open division will resume tomorrow with Ace Hardware taking on 5-Stars in the first match at 6:30pm and the Junior Ol'Aces facing Tanapag 8 in the second tiff at 8pm.

Saipan Apparel 91—Rangamar 20, Teregeyo 15, Andrew 12, Smile 11, Diaz 11, Tagabuel 10, Lizama 6, Kaipat 3.

MGNEL Construction 88—Ferrer 25, Tabora 15, Salalila 11, Rueda 10, Bondoc 8, Laguindam 7, Sablan 6, Isip 3, Asuhan 3.

Scoring by quarters: 17-11, 44-31, 59-51, 73-73, 81-81 (1OT), 91-88 (2OT)

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Thomas Benavente, John Paul Cruz, Joshua Mendez, and Eun Syu Hahn. Wai Wo Lee was the assistant coach, while NMIFA technical director and CNMI Men's National Coach Kiyoshi Sekiguchi served as head of the delegation.

"Congratulations to our team and officials. This (award) shows that our boys are good representatives of the CNMI. Thank you coaches for training and teaching them well," NMIFA general secretary Ross Zapanta said in a message sent to Angeles.

Other supporters of the team also expressed their appreciation for the Teen Ayuyus, who may have not won a single match in the festival, but earned the admiration of the other participating squads and the organizers for show-

Game 1 of 2016 TanHoldings Inter-Company Basketball League

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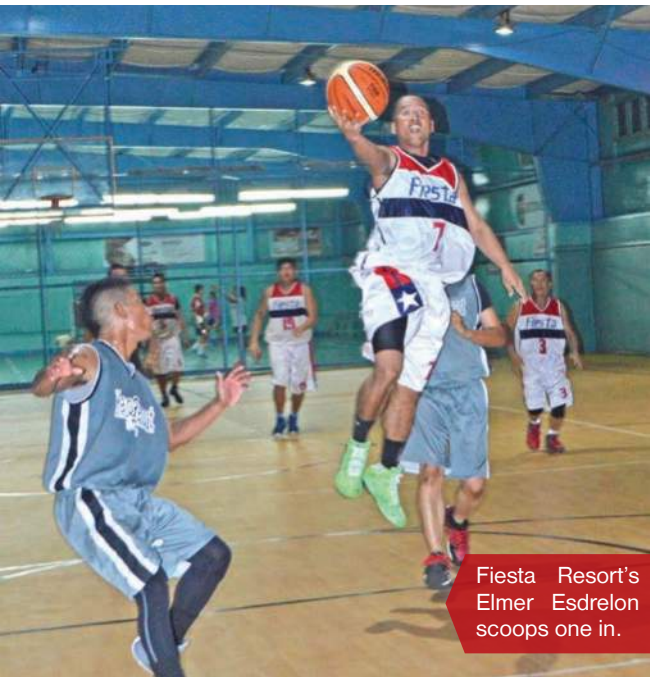
Kanoa Resort's Dindo Pablo looks for a teammate to pass the ball to after beating Fiesta Resort's Paul Quizon, left, and Jarett Matsutaro, right, in the battle for the loose ball during Game 1 of their title duel in the 2016 TanHoldings Inter-Company Basketball League last Friday at the Gillette Multipurpose Gymnasium.



Fiesta Resort's Jarett Matsutaro drives against Kanoa Resort's Rodney Sacramento, left, and Dindo Pablo, right.



Kanoa Resort's Douglas Schmidt loses his balance after running into Fiesta Resort's defense.



Fiesta Resort's Elmer Esdreton scoops one in.



Fiesta Resort's Jerald Rivera challenges the defense of Kanoa Resort's Douglas Schmidt.



Kanoa Resort's Matt Duenas, center, is fouled by Jerald Rivera, left, on his way to the basket.



Fiesta Resort's Fradel Sedillo pulls up for a shot against Kanoa Resort's Douglas Schmidt, left, and Rico Villagomez.



Kanoa Resort's Ernest Duenas, third right, wins in the rebound play.



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CNMI brings home Fair Play Award

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The CNMI U14 Boys National Team won the only award given in the AFC U14 Regional (East) Festival of Football 2016 held at the Xianghe National Football Training Center in Beijing, China last week.

The Commonwealth crew brought home the Fair Play Award for showing exceptional sportsmanship in the four games they played in Group B of the event.

"The Team deserved it because of the sportsmanship and respect they showed to the other teams, referees,



and AFC officials. No other award was given in the festival. The CNMI was the only team with no cards during the festival," said coach Jerishwin Angeles, who returned to Saipan with the rest of the Commonwealth delegation early yesterday morning.

The CNMI squad was composed of Michael Rojas, Sebastian Manabat, Mark Salamat, Kirt Andon, Ichiro Borja, Terrence Montenegro, John Guillen Canape, Jamin Elliot, Edward Cho, Mark Esalan, Joshua Waldon, Brandon Delos Reyes, Christian Aldan, Kirro Batino,

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The CNMI U14 Boys National Team players pose with their Fair Play Award and are joined in the photo by officials and organizers of the AFC U14 Regional (East) Festival of Football 2016 held at the Xianghe National Football Training Center in Beijing, China last week.

Shirley's FC noses out MP United

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Shirley's Football Club was tested in its season debut as it pulled off a tough 2-1 victory over MP United in the girls U15 division game in the 2016 NMIFA Youth Fall League last Saturday.

Shirley's FC, the defending fall season champion and owner of the last three titles in the division, and MP United played in the first match at the Francisco Mendiola Sablan Middle School (formerly San Antonio Middle School) Field with the latter facing a 1-2 deficit at the break before working its way back into the game in the second half to steal the win.

Gillian Villagomez scored the two goals for MP United to give her team the lead after 35 minutes of play. She nailed her first goal in the 11th minute, while the second came eight minutes later. Diana Manacop registered the first goal for Shirley's and her shot in the fifth minute handed the defending champion the early lead before Villagomez took



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MP United FC's Gillian Villagomez, left, and Shirley's FC's Jerlyn Castillo, right, battle for possession, while the latter's teammate Diana Manacop looks on during the second half of their girls U15 division game in the NMIFA fall youth league last Saturday at the Francisco Mendiola Sablan Middle School Field.

charge for MP United.

A Jerlyn Castillo goal just five minutes and change into the second half allowed Shirley's to tie the game. De Jana Muna then completed the come-from-behind win and foil MP United's bid for an upset in the



league's opening week after finding the back of the net late in the second half.

Matansa 8, TanHoldings 0

In the other girls U15 game, Matansa eased past TanHoldings.

CNMI youth team mem-

bers Lyka Sally and Guinevere Borja teamed up in powering Matansa to the lopsided victory. Lyka had a hat-trick, while Borja, who previously played for Paire FC, made two goals in her debut with Matansa. Paire did not enter a team in the division this season.

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Saipan Apparel survives 20T game

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Saipan Apparel needed extra 10 minutes to thwart the persistent MGNEEL Construction, 91-88, in the second game in the opening of the Mariana



Islands Basketball Federation's Inaugural Men's Outdoor League last Saturday at the San Antonio court.

Derrick Rangel hit the go-ahead triple and followed it up with an insurance basket to

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Saipan Apparel's Syl Teregeyo escapes for a fastbreak layup during the first quarter of their game against MGNEEL Construction in the opening of the MIBF outdoor caging last Saturday at the San Antonio court.